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THE PITTSBURGH CONGRESS.

LET's begin at the end. A fast Pennsy diner carried four weary Congress men to their several destinations the Sunday after the week before. Said George Maguire, he of the sandy hair and the New England twang, to "King" Max Erdman, just elevated to the High Council, "What did you think of the Congress?" The King passed judgment in this sententious wise, "The best ever." Whereupon, Metzger, the Beau Brummel of the fraternity, and Reno, the PALM man, knowing the fateful matter was settled and closed forever, ordered an oyster cocktail and ate dinner in peace.

If Max says so, it must be true. He knows. He has attended Congress since the time to which no man's memory runneth to the contrary and was on the job at Pittsburgh from the kickoff until darkness compelled the referee to call off the game.

The verdict must stand. "The best ever" is in accordance with the testimony, the law and the weight of the evidence. Pittsburgh Alpha Taus gave us the best that ever happened and the twenty-first Congress goes down in our history as the high water mark of Alpha Tau Omega.

To describe a Congress is to put into words something that defies description. Cold type, white paper and black type can, at best, do but scant justice to the biennial meetings of Alpha Tau Omega. To know a Congress, one must live it, feel it and enjoy it. It is so far different from anything else in the convention line that only one who has been present can realize how much

it resembles all and yet differs from all. In earnestness of purpose and zeal, the Epworth League is a second cousin; in good fellowship and genial companionship, the Concatenated Order of Whohoos is only a faint imitation; in enthusiasm and spirit, a Republican national convention, minus the "Steam-Roller" is a fairly good second. And Pittsburgh was no exception as we shall try to tell.

Although the sessions did not open until Wednesday, the delegates and visitors came early—and most of them remained late. Many arrived on Monday and on Tuesday every incoming train brought droves of Alpha Taus from every conceivable section of the country. In the crowds were many of the old timers, men who rarely miss a Congress, and likewise many to whom a national meeting of A. T. O. was a new thing.

In all, there were 295 registered, which exceeds any previous attendance by a small margin. Every chapter except Missouri Gamma Rho was represented by a delegate. The following alumni associations were represented: Allentown, Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, District of Columbia, Indianapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Reading, Savannah, South Carolina, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, Western Carolina, Kansas, Dayton, Alliance, Massachusetts and Cleveland. Every officer, except A. W. McCord, of the High Council, whose business detained him in California, and the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop Bratton, was in attendance. And best of all the well-beloved Glazebrook, the Father of Alpha Tau Omega, was there, restored to health, happy and genial, in full enjoyment of the great pleasure of mingling with the members of the fraternity his mind had fashioned and his hands created.

THE BUSINESS SESSIONS.

There was a time when the PALM was made the vehicle by which the membership of the fraternity was informed as to what had transpired at our meetings. That time is past and it is not only generally understood but, indeed, required that the PALM publish only so much of the proceedings of the Congress as it is deemed advisable to set forth in an exoteric publication. For that reason we must refrain from referring to the legislation

enacted except in a very general manner. The proceedings and minutes of each Congress are printed and bound in pamphlet form and are available to any member who makes application for the same. This year's volume will be prepared by Brother Claude S. Wilson, our efficient Worthy Grand Scribe, to whom application for a copy should be made. Brother Wilson may be addressed at Montgomery Block, Lincoln, Nebraska.

In a general way, though, it may be said that all of the five sessions were most harmonious and that great and lasting good was achieved. There was a general desire to avoid any legislation for which the fraternity was not prepared and the new constitution was generally regarded as having finally settled so many matters of vast importance that it would be unwise to enter into any project that contemplated a change or amendment of that instrument. Still, some very important measures were considered and action taken that will naturally strengthen the machinery devised by the organic law.

The first session was called to order in the Banquet Hall of the Hotel Schenley on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 30, by Dr. E. P. Lyon, the Worthy Grand Chief. The delegates were arranged in sections, the delegates from each province being located in one section in the center of which sat the Province Chief. The Worthy Grand Chief occupied a place on a raised platform with the officers grouped about him. The Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop Bratton, being absent, the Rev. Morris Smith, of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, a Lutheran pastor at Washington, Pa., was appointed to that office *pro tem* and performed the duties of his station with repose and dignity.

The following appointments were announced: Official Stenographer, Edgar G. Jones, Indiana Gamma Gamma; Assistant to the Worthy Grand Scribe, Fred Hagen, Col. Gamma Lambda; Worthy Ushers, F. F. Ashman, Pa. Alpha Pi; J. R. McFarland, Pa. Alpha Pi; Worthy Grand Sentinels, R. W. Know, Pa. Alpha Pi; G. G. Burns, Pa. Alpha Pi. The following committees were likewise named:

Credentials.—W. B. Sawyer, Cal. Gamma Iota; W. B. Martin, Fla. Alpha Omega; H. F. Ford, Mich. Beta Kappa; N. G. Phillipy, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; E. W. Merrill, Me. Gamma Alpha.

Official Register.—C. H. Fry, Chicago Alumni; E. B. Caldwell, Pa. Tau; J. J. P. Smith, S. C. Beta Xi; M. A. Blankenhorn, O. Beta Mu.

Finance.—Geo. Maguire; W. W. Owens, Savannah; W. E. Bolling, Tenn. Beta Pi; H. Y. Williams, Minn. Gamma Nu.

Ways and Means.—Max Erdman, W. W. Moss, E. F. Eldredge, Alexander Macomber.

Delinquencies.—H. W. Jervcy; S. M. Mitchell, O. Beta Eta; C. W. Warden, Mass. G. Sigma; Donald Ray, N. C. Alpha Delta.

Necrology.—Paul R. Hickok; Benton White, Tenn. Pi; A. Barth, Neb. Gamma Theta; W. S. Tutwiler, Ga. Beta Iota.

Press.—Claude T. Reno; F. I. Carr, News Bureau; A. E. Hartzell, Pittsburgh *Post*.

The report of the Worthy Grand Chief was read and frequently interrupted by applause. It was a splendid review of his administration, and constituted the basis for much subsequent action by the Congress. He again reiterated his well known attitude upon several matters, particularly with regard to the promotion of more intellectual work by the men in the active chapters, and explained in detail the methods he had used in furthering this object. It is not too much to say that his report was one of the most thoughtful and most learned ever presented to a Congress and the PALM requests its careful reading by every Alpha Tau.

The reports of Larkin W. Glazebrook, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, and G. D. Ellsworth, Worthy Keeper of the Exchequer, were likewise heard and both of them were most gratifying. Dr. Glazebrook distributed printed copies of his report and it is hoped that the many valuable suggestions therein contained will be closely followed by the active chapters. The report of the W. G. K. E. showed a splendid condition of the treasury and with wise management and judicious investments of the accruing surplus Alpha Tau Omega ought soon amass a comfortable fortune.

Each of the Province Chiefs presented their biennial reports. They contained the necessary detailed information of conditions in the various active chapters upon which only could be predicated



Top row (left to right)—Dick, Van der Vries, Maguire, Wilhoite, Hickok.
Bottom row—Putnam, Martin, Lyon, Reno, Jervcy.

A GROUP OF SOME OFFICIALS AT PITTSBURGH.

intelligent Congress legislation. Many of them contained valuable suggestions and recommendations and were duly considered by the Congress.

In addition to the aforementioned, each chapter and alumni association presented a written report. One of these announced the formation of an alumni association in China.

The report of the High Council was presented by the Chairman thereof, Father Glazebrook. The High Council is charged with the control and direction of the PALM and the official journal received most of its attention. The condition of the journal was reported to be most excellent and only a keen sense of modesty forbids the reproduction of several most flattering references to the editor and his staff.

Early in the sessions, Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to formulate a code of rules and regulations for the guidance of Province Chiefs and the active chapters in their relations one with the other and with the office of the Worthy Grand Chief. The commission was created with Dr. Glazebrook as chairman, and consisted of the Province Chiefs and one active delegate from each province. The commission sat almost continuously during the recesses of Congress and presented a report which was adopted without debate and has since been promulgated by the Worthy Grand Chief in pamphlet form.

Atlanta was chosen as the place for the next Congress without much opposition. Brother E. A. Werner occupied the floor for the better part of an hour reading telegrams and letters from prominent officials and citizens of Georgia and Atlanta requesting a visit by Alpha Tau Omega. The welfare of the city and State seemed to depend so largely on an immediate A. T. O. Congress there that, despite the fact that Charlotte, North Carolina, "also ran," the Congress decided to move on to Atlanta two years hence.

The equalization tax provided by the Birmingham Congress was tried for the first time and justified all that had been expected of it. Brother J. H. Vosskuchler, Ohio Beta Omega, was the chairman of the committee appointed to disburse the funds. The active delegates received approximately ninety per cent. of their transportation expenses.

Many other matters were discussed and passed upon but for further information the reader is referred to the printed minutes and proceedings.

The following officers were elected:

Worthy Grand Chief, Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok, Ohio Beta Mu, Delaware, Ohio.

Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop Theodore Du Bose Bratton, Tennessee Omega, Jackson, Miss.

Worthy Grand Scribe, Claude Staley Wilson, Nebraska Gamma Theta, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, Larkin White Glazebrook, M. D., Georgia Alpha Zeta, Washington, D. C.

Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Goodwin Davis Ellsworth, North Carolina Xi, Washington, D. C.

Worthy High Chancellor, James Brown Green, Virginia Delta, Charlottesville, Va.

High Council: Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman, Virginia Alpha, Founder, Elizabeth, N. J.; Dr. N. Wiley Thomas, Pennsylvania Tau, Philadelphia, Pa.; Max Schall Erdman, Esq., Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, Allentown, Pa.; Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, Illinois Gamma Zeta, Champaign, Illinois; George W. Mitchell, Esq., Texas Gamma Epsilon, Dallas, Texas.

Immediately after the election, the High Council convened and elected Claude T. Reno, Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, Editor and Publisher of the PALM, and Prof. Huger W. Jervey, Tennessee Omega, Congress Poet for the Atlanta Congress. The Congress Orator has not yet been selected.

THE SMOKER.

For several years Chicago has insisted on humping itself on the great and famous smoker with which it regaled the 1902 Congress. At Birmingham, Brother E. W. Marshall promised that Pittsburgh would demolish the Chicago record—and—behold!—the Chicago standard trails in the dust. John Montgomery was present at both. He engineered the 1902 affair; he was an interested spectator of the other. He concedes that Chicago was fairly vanquished. When you put the "kibosh" on Chicago you must go some—and Pittsburgh went some and then some.

However, Brother John N. Van der Vries, Province Chief of Province III, has described the entertainment in a fitting manner and the floor is his for the following (inserted by special order of "leave to print"):

"The smoker at the Hotel Schenley on Wednesday evening was conceded by all to be a "hummer." All had looked forward to it with expectancy, especially the younger men who had heard of Max Erdman and the Chicago smoker, but who were then yet too young to attend. And not one was disappointed. As we entered the large banquet hall, we were presented with a mysterious package, which on investigation proved to contain a pipe and an Alpha Tau tobacco pouch filled with the finest growth from the garden of the great god, Nich o' Teen. Inside the hall was properly arranged as Brother Marshall had promised at Birmingham. A general good fellowship prevailed, all were boys again. We

"Hung the Almanac's cheat and the Catalogue's Spite
Old time was a liar! We were twenty that night."

"Beauty Steele" Metzger and "Father" Moss led the grand march around the room, the boys from Maine locked arms with those from California, and those from Minnesota were joined by those from Florida. For, there was neither East, nor West, Yankee, Dixie nor Britt when Alpha Taus stood face to face, though they came from the ends of the earth. A fine orchestra was present and accompanied by it and led by Brothers McFarland and White, of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, many an Alpha Tau song was sung with a spirit that has rarely, if ever before, been equalled. If ever a man sung his way into the hearts of his hearers, Brother White did with his "Bandellero" and "Three Grenadiers" solos. Brother McFarland with his three-man minstrel troupe made a decided hit, in addition to the clever hits inflicted on many of the brothers present. Then came the real vaudeville show by artists from down-town theatres, and although nobody followed Max's example at Chicago, every number was enjoyed to the limit. We adjourned with a unanimous feeling that Marshall had proved that his word was as good as his bond and that he was as he had always been, the Prince of Good Fellows."

AUTOMOBILE TRIPS.

In order that the Congress city might be seen to the best advantage, the committee provided four personally conducted automobile trips. Those who were bent on seeing the town were placed on automobiles, taken from place to place, shown the sights and returned to the hotel. The writer did not accompany any of these trips, and can, therefore, only speak from hearsay, but it is said that all who took the journeys saw what they wanted to see and more than they had expected was to be seen. It follows that the trips were a success and over two hundred Congress men availed themselves of the privilege.

THE THEATRE PARTY.

Time: Thursday evening, December 31.

Place: Nixon Theatre.

Show: "The Soul Kiss."

That ought to cover the whole event, but it won't. There's more to tell.

Alpha Tau Omega owned Nixon's that night. Of course, there were others present, but they were mostly Pittsburgh millionaires with time hanging heavy on their hands, and were properly relegated to rear and obscure places. For, the Congress occupied the lower and front part of the house.

Full justice was done to the osculatory performance. Before the curtain rose, between scenes, during the intermission and after the show the irrepressible "Shorty" marshalled his forces and insisted that the boys give a yell—and the boys gave it. When the curtain rose on the second act exhibiting Mephisto, clad in the convential hoofs and horns, the signal was given and the cry from two hundred throats, "Cheer up, boys, there is no hell!" came well nigh to breaking up the show. Mr. Devil, though, very gracefully bowed to the inevitable, accepted as true this affirmative assertion of a negative fact, recited his little speech, sang his little song and flew away into space.

THE PUBLIC EXERCISES.

The usual public exercises were held at the Carnegie Music Hall on the afternoon of Friday, January 1, 1909.

The Carnegie building, a square from the Schenley Hotel, is one of the most magnificent buildings in America. It is devoted to the Carnegie Institute and Library and its appointments for the imparting of instruction are absolutely complete. Nothing that might be added could make it more useful or more ornamental. The Music Hall is a veritable palace. It is approached by marble and onyx corridors and floors and its interior furnishings allow of no rival. The sweet toned pipe organ is the highest accomplishment of the music maker's art and was heard to great advantage by the large audience.

The hall was comfortably filled with delegates, visitors, and citizens of Pittsburgh. On the stage were seated Dr. E. P. Lyon, Worthy Grand Chief, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, Dr. N. Wiley Thomas, Dr. Samuel B. McCormick, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Rev. Paul R. Hickok, George M. Hosack, and others.

The exercises were opened by Dr. Lyon, who introduced Dr. Samuel B. McCormick, who delivered the address of welcome. Dr. McCormick is a very pleasing speaker and his generous words of welcome and hospitality were greeted and interrupted with great applause. His address was as follows:

My eyesight is not as good as it once was, but I see there are some representative visitors present this afternoon, which is quite a feat on the afternoon of the first day of the year in Pittsburgh.

I am appointed to speak to you a few words of welcome, and I want to say to you that I very greatly appreciate the courtesy of this invitation, for there is no class of men whom we welcome more highly to our city than college men, and as a member of a college fraternity, I may add, there are no class of men whom we welcome more highly than members of such an organization as this. We have in Pittsburgh, in this interval of industrial depression, been occupying ourselves somewhat strenuously in these recent months in the way of welcoming visiting bodies, and not only that, but in a way, also, of coming together ourselves for certain observances of interest to us. During the latter part of September, and in the first days of October, we observed in Pittsburgh our Sesquicentennial, and lest there be some of you who have not been called upon to learn just what that means, I shall say, we are 150 years old, and we appropriately observed that anniversary, and as the particular day on

which we reached that age was the 25th of November, a day that was more likely to be stormy, we had a special observance at that time. The earlier and more elaborate exercises were held in the early part, to insure good weather. From that time until now, we have welcomed The American Civic Association which had a splendid meeting here in November. We have in December welcomed the American Mining Congress, one of the very great organizations of the nation, which had, they said, the most successful meeting that they have ever had, in Pittsburgh, and more recently, the National Civil Service Organization, a couple of weeks ago; and in the interval of these great gatherings, we have welcomed some national gatherings of fraternity character like your own, so that we feel now, at the end of the year 1908, that we have really been doing very well in this record, and that we have attained to some degree of skill in giving welcome to visitors from other parts of the country, and yet I say again there is no body of men whom we welcome more heartily than we do the men of the kind which you represent to-day.

I understand that for two days you have been in session, and I very greatly suspect that if you have not already discovered that you are welcome in Pittsburgh, it will be idle for me to give you to know it by any words I may speak. I trust you have made yourselves feel entirely at home, and that your sessions have been all that you expected them to be when you came to the city of Pittsburgh. It may be true that sometimes we have visitors come to Pittsburgh who, in two days, have not learned everything about the city, but we should not suppose that you belong to that class. College men, I imagine, will learn most about us in two days almost any time, but lest there might be two or three items of interest, that in your busy hours since your coming, may have escaped your attention, I wish to say that we bid you welcome here in Pittsburgh as the home of Science. I want to speak to you somewhat in the terms you are accustomed to. Some people imagine that when they come to the city of Pittsburgh and see it enveloped in smoke and sometimes in fog, so that the artificial light must be put to service in the day time, they are coming simply to a great industrial city. In a sense, that is true, but in another sense, I want you college men to feel that you are coming here to the place where Science has achieved some of her most noble triumphs; in fact, that here you are in the very midst of the greatest scientific school that there is in the world, for the applications of pure science perhaps have multiplied in a way, unequaled in any other single spot in the world, and I have no hesitation in saying to my fellow citizens of Pittsburgh, as I say it to you, that Pittsburgh owes more to pure science, owes more to the learning of the schools, than any other city in my knowledge, and it is to this place we bid you welcome to-day, and we must remember in that connection, we are in the very midst of a multitude of college men, for not only do we have the output of our own

institutions here, but the output of colleges and universities throughout the country; all Pittsburgh youths who have gone away to be educated and have come back to make this their home, but we have also, hundreds and I presume I may say, thousands, of young men from all of the colleges and universities of the East, West, North and South. Some of our institutions have a single one of their hundreds of young men, and I presume that of all of our cities, there are very few at least which can present a larger number of college men than this city of Pittsburgh of which you have always thought perhaps as simply an industrial city, and then, I would remind you also, gentlemen, that we have in our own city, institutions of learning which are contributing to this general makeup of Pittsburgh, the city of college men and women. We have a college for women which is doing most excellent work—the Pennsylvania College, as it is known. We have another college belonging to the women which is doing its work along the line of higher education. We have the college or university which is also making its contribution. We have, below the college, a multitude of preparatory schools. I do not know how many (a half dozen of them at least), exclusively devoted to the preparation of the youth for college. Above the college we have the university, and that is not simply the provision of research departments of one institution, but we have three theological seminaries in Pittsburgh, representing three denominations, and in addition to that, we have this great institution in whose wonderful building we are assembled this afternoon—the Carnegie Institute—with its several departments; its museum, its library, its art, and its technology schools, the latter making its contribution to this class of men, so that you can very readily perceive that being located in the midst of these great attributes has made Pittsburgh the center of the industrial world.

I wish to say also, that in the matter of bringing about a condition of fraternity, where there shall be a feeling on the part of all of the men that they owe a duty to their fellowman to come together in closer relations, and that is one of the objects of such an organization as yours—the city of Pittsburgh is doing its share. I wonder whether there is any place where the people give themselves more whole-heartedly to the worship of God than in the city of Pittsburgh; where they practice more completely the things that belong to pure manhood and womanhood, than in the city of Pittsburgh; where there is more attention paid to the needs of our fellowman, such as hospitals, which are almost without number, and our homes which are devoted to the care of those who are neglected; all of this with the result that men are bound more closely together into one, so that there is the feeling that upon each rests some responsibility for his fellowman, and again I say, for this reason it is peculiarly fitting that you should be welcomed by Pittsburgh.

I again say to you college men, that you are welcome here. One of the most delightful things there is, is this union of men who have attended

college. We are not graduates of this institution and that, and therefore as such, gather together, each to have his own particular interest, but we are members of a great fraternity, the fraternity of college men having passed through the curriculum of studies; having our mind stirred up by the same noble aspirations, looking forward, all of us, to making as large a contribution as we possibly can to the well-being of mankind, because we are college men, all of us together. We are one with unusual advantages, and therefore with unusual responsibilities and one mind, who have had such opportunities as you, and who have in your hearts such hopes and ambitions as are in yours, gathered together for the discussion of the particular problems that belong to your own organization, and you are in that very thing making a contribution to the city, lifting us up to a little bit higher level than we were before and giving us something additional to think about that will make us the better for your coming, so that I not only wish to bid you welcome to Pittsburgh in the name of Pittsburgh and all of the institutions which are here, but I also wish to thank you for what you do for us and to rejoice with you that we are all working together as one body for the accomplishment of the same end, and as I have been told that your meetings thus far have been very successful and enjoyable, so I trust the sessions still to come will be even more so, and that each one of you will feel that you have been abundantly repaid for your coming to our city.

Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook responded to the cordial welcoming address as only our beloved Founder can. He was listened to with rapt attention and was awarded thundering applause at regular intervals and at the close of his address. His reference to Vice-Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, was particularly timely and was made the subject of much comment by the Pittsburgh dailies. A portion of his address is here produced:

Even my stammering tongue some way or another seems to get lost when a call comes to me—though it may be upon the spur of the moment—to do something or to say something for Alpha Tau Omega, but I feel that there is more to be said at this time than I can say, because feeling is deeper than expression. We can not express all that we feel. I realize very kindly the auspiciousness of this occasion; the day is most precious—the beginning of a New Year, with all of the hope and possibility, and enthusiasm and inspiration, that must rise in the heart of the young men when they stand upon the eve of another year; when they have reached the great Divide, look back and recall the joys and the failures of the past, and upon this vantage position, determine that the future shall not have fewer pleasures, but shall have fewer failures and mistakes. The occasion is especially a pleasant one to me because of

the personality of the gentleman who so beautifully and cordially has extended us this welcome. Alpha Tau Omega is grateful to a degree of which he himself is not conscious, and of which I am very glad of such an opportunity to express for Alpha Tau Omega the gratitude that she feels for the many obligations that she is under to Phi Kappa Psi, whose badge the Chancellor has the right to wear.

In my own particular memory of Alpha Tau Omega, I remember more than one occasion upon which it has been possible for us to so quickly and so successfully establish ourselves in a new field in the fair days when we needed friends, when we just crossed Mason and Dixon's line, and were coming into the fair and promising field of this magnificent North. A friend then to us was a friend indeed, and yet was it in the deepest sincerity and with the profoundest gratitude that the first fraternity, the first national fraternity, to give us a greeting—give us the glad hand and say to us, "We are glad to have you into our college community." Aye, more than that, a fraternity in which one of its general officers even sought for us advantageous fields and pointed us to those splendid pastures and said to us, "Come into this field and we will be your sponsor." Phi Kappa Psi, in the representative character of one of her most prominent men, the Vice-Provost of Pennsylvania University, placed A. T. O. in her time of need, under an obligation which she can not, an obligation which she never wishes to discharge. I say, therefore, that the personality—the fraternal association of the distinguished gentleman who has welcomed us, is no small factor of delight and satisfaction in the exercises of this afternoon, in a place in which is combined together to a very unusual degree, all of the elements that tend to make the round man, and to enable that man to accomplish success in the true meaning of the word, in his work in his day and generation, and the fact that we are gathered in a place where there is collected material welfare—scientific research; where earth and Heaven meet in the development of the whole man—the body, the mind and the soul. We can not fail to feel the uplift and catch something of the inspiration which comes to a man in such a situation. I am sure, Mr. Chancellor, that when we leave Pittsburgh, we will not only take soot and smoke, which may be easily removed from the exterior, but we will take away on the tabloids of our hearts, these kind words, and in the mechanism of our minds and souls, the inspiration that comes from our meeting in a place so favored by man and by God.

Brother Howard J. White, Rhode Island Gamma Delta, Pittsburgh's sweetest basso, then favored the audience with a musical selection entitled "Israfel," being Edgar Allen Poe's famous poem set to music. He was enthusiastically encored and responded with Schumann's "Two Grenadiers."

Brother Irving Bacheller, who had been elected the Congress

Poet, wired at the last moment that he could neither be present nor furnish a poem. The committee requested Brother Hickok to read the poem prepared and read by Brother Alfred S. Hartzell at the Birmingham Congress. This poem, which is likely to become an Alpha Tau classic, was read by Brother Hickok in a most pleasing and admirable manner.

The Congress oration was delivered by Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, Illinois Gamma Zeta. Dr. Clark possesses none of the wiles and resorts to none of the tricks of the average public orator who strives rather to please than to convince and his plain, simple, unstrained and straightforward presentation of his theme captivated his audience. His subject was most timely and pertinent and was devoted to a consideration of one of the most vital subjects now confronting the Greek-letter fraternity system. Coming from one who has devoted his entire life to college work and has had unusual facilities for observing college men and their ways, his masterly oration possesses the weight of authority and should be read and studied by every man charged with any duties in and about college and fraternity work. The oration is produced verbatim elsewhere in this issue.

This concluded the exercises. The verdict seems to have been that this public feature had been one of the most inspiring, and certainly the most instructive sessions of the entire Congress.

THE BANQUET.

The regular Congress banquet was held Friday evening, January 1, 1909, and exceeded any previous affairs of the kind. Two hundred and forty Alpha Taus sat down, ate, cheered, made merry and listened to such speeches as only Alpha Taus are privileged to hear.

The banquet hall of the Schenley was the scene of this great love feast. Its walls were covered with the colors and insignia of the fraternity, while stringers of college and fraternity pennants and flags were stretched from various points. Upon a raised platform, surrounded and hid by potted palms and other tropical plants was an orchestra which rendered music during the entire evening. On one side of the room was a long table at which were seated the speakers of the evening and the grand officers and

province chiefs of the fraternity. The remainder of the Congress sat at tables placed perpendicular to the speakers' table and so arranged that the active and alumni membership of each province had its own particular table. The tables were likewise decorated with flowers and plants and the whole presented a scene that the eye delights to linger upon.

It goes without saying that there was noise galore. Every chapter, represented by more than two members, felt in duty bound to give its college yell. Every province concocted a province yell, and occasionally some delegate, alone and without assistance, proceeded to give the particular college yell near and dear to him. And then, "Shorty" Hooper would mount his chair, give the signal, and the "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" of the assemblage would shake the building. The orchestra caught the idea and persisted in playing the latest and most popular songs to the accompaniment of the mammoth chorus. Not content with all this, some one suggested "Dixie" to the musicians and the first strains produced a whirlwind of cheering, marching, singing Alpha Taus, Northerner and Southerner, arm in arm, left the tables, marched around the room, until the whole scene seemed to have been ordered as the fulfillment of Father Glazebrook's prophetic dream. It was an inspiring scene and one that could occur only at an Alpha Tau Omega Congress.

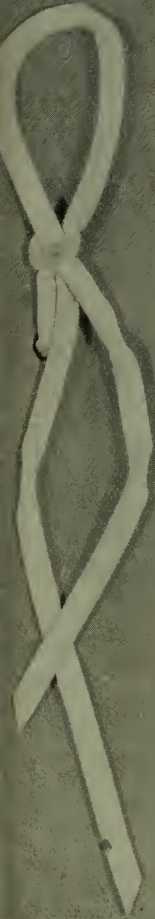
The menu provided was a marvel of the printer's art. The cover was of flexible leather and contained in addition to the badge, a very appropriate design. The reproduction of the cover, elsewhere presented, gives only a fair idea of its beauty and does only scant justice to the pleasing colors used in the sketch.

The hotel management provided an excellent dinner, the items of which follow:

BLUE POINTS		
OLIVES		CELERY
	CREAM OF CELERY	<i>Amoroso Sherry</i>
	FILET OF BASS, SAUTE MEUNIERE	<i>Sauterne</i>
	SWEETBREAD CUTLETS	
	PETIT POIS	
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TWENTY-FIRST
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ALPHA TAU OMEGA
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SORBET AU RHUM

ROAST PHILADELPHIA SQUAB

White Seal

LETTUCE SALAD

FROZEN PLOMBIERE SULTANA

ASSORTED CAKES

CHEESE

COFFEE

CIGARS

The dinner over, the diners scanned the toast list and discovered that the following programme had been prepared for them:

Toastmaster—ELIAS POTTER LYON

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA

"Our Guests" - - - - - GEORGE MECHLING HOSACK
MICHIGAN BETA LAMBDA

"Our Lovely Hostess—Pittsburgh" - - - JAMES BROWN GREEN
VIRGINIA DELTA

"The Palm" - - - - - CLAUDE T. RENO
PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA

"The Tenets of Alpha Tau Omega" - OTIS ALLAN GLAZEBROOK
VIRGINIA ALPHA

"Constitutions Here and There" - - ROBERT LATHAM OWEN
VIRGINIA BETA

"Scholarships" - - - - - CHARLES HAWLEY FENN
MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON

Dr. E. P. Lyon, the Worthy Grand Chief, and toastmaster, opened the post-prandial exercises by calling attention to the fact that the banquet was the largest ever held by the fraternity and introduced Brother George M. Hosack as the first speaker of the evening.

George proceeded to tell a few of his choice stories in the inimitable style that only George can handle, extended again the hospitality of the city and wound up with a beautiful tribute to Founder Glazebrook. His eloquent address was greeted with salvos of applause and the usual "Ruh! Rah! Rega!"

Worthy High Chancellor James B. Green, the humorist of the Congress, was next introduced. Fortunately, the stenographer was able to catch his speech and it is here reproduced, minus Green's peculiar way of making a telling point and without the shouts of laughter and applause that interrupted him and greeted his conclusion:

Down in Virginia there is a ladies' society, known as the S. P. V. A. (Society for the Preservation of the Virginia Antique); how they preserve them, whether in alcohol, or in brine, or by the sun curing process, is a matter of detail which I need not inquire into now, but I must testify that I am getting on toward the charge of these ladies, and when I fall into their hands, I am sure they will treat me gently and kindly; the ladies always have been that way to me.

I am to respond to the sentiment, "Our Lovely Hostess—Pittsburgh," and that requires some little analysis. Of course the figure is known as personification in rhetoric; she is our hostess, and when I refer to her by the familiar pronoun, you understand I am adhering strictly to the rhetorical basis. "Lovely;" this has a very wide signification, particularly when used by girls and sweet young men. "They have a *lovely* time with each other;" "She had on a *lovely* gown;" "Niagara was *lovely*." All of these are perfectly legitimate and you may well make the application to the city entertaining us now. I propose to consider the subject rather accordingly; I know my honored Brother O. A. Glazebrook and also our honored Brothers Thomas, Smith and others of the cloth, are here, charged with exceedingly humorous speeches, and as I said, I am drifting into the antique so I will not anticipate them by stirring up too much hilarity. At all events, I have to treat this subject in an analytical way: First, poetically; second, geographically; third, socially and economically, and last, legally.

I feel like one of the President's commissioners for the reclamation of arid lands after a day with his subject. A little something moist if you please. (Great laughter.)

Twixt pessimist and optimist,
The difference lies here;
We lie to bull the stock market
Pittsburgh lies to bear,

or stated differently, "We thirst for beer unsatisfied, while Pittsburgh drinks champagne." Or, for a last comparison, "On the whole we shake an empty coal-hod, while Pittsburgh has the coal." "England had her Shakespeare, her Milton and her Byron, Pittsburgh has George Westinghouse and many kings of iron; whether optimist or pessimist, no matter how we feel, we must subsist on softened food while Pittsburgh lives on steel."

I thought at the smoker the other night I heard an allusion to Mary's little lamb; is it worth while to refer to that again? "Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go. He followed her to Pittsburgh once—and look at the durned thing now."

Geographically: Having exhausted the poetic phase, we will now turn to the geographic side of the question. "Where is Pittsburgh, Amy Lou?" This question was addressed to a little school girl by the teacher in a country school. "I don't know, please ma'am." "Well you study geography now, and see if you can't find out." The next day the teacher called little Amy Lou to the floor during the geography lesson and asked, "Where is Pittsburgh, Amy Lou?" "Don't know, please ma'am." "Well you take this note home to your mother and see if she can't make you find out." The next day the teacher asked, "Amy Lou did you give that note to your mother and can you tell me now where Pittsburgh is?" "Please ma'am, grandma did not study geography and she got married, and Aunt Mary didn't study geography, and she got married twice and mama didn't study geography and she got married, and —" "All right," said the teacher, "that will do."

Many, many years ago, as a boy, and even before I became a boy, my grandfather was a trader with Pittsburgh, and my association with the town always goes back to the train of wagons that carried pork, bacon, whiskey and flour from Pittsburgh and brought back groceries from Baltimore. That, I always thought, furnished a small basis for a relationship between myself and Pittsburgh, inasmuch as my grandfather amassed some fortune at the trade, and we subsisted on it in our childhood.

Economically: Economically speaking, everyone knows from the address this morning, and I do not think I need stop to explain the meaning of "Sesquicentennial," but believe that the celebration which was held here recently was such that would satisfy the most pessimistic that Pittsburgh is not standing still. Its development has been something marvelous, until now it controls the world's steel supply, furnishing structural material for ships, bridges and buildings of all kinds of the most substantial nature.

In the early days of California, there was a settler who cleared up a tract of land and built a cabin upon it, prospecting for gold. One afternoon, a great commotion was heard in the clearing, and the wife upon looking out of the window, saw her husband in conflict with a bear; he had a pick, and the bear had his claws and teeth, and there was great excitement in the lower part of the yard. "Mama," said her little boy who was standing beside her watching, "Are you not going to help papa?" "My son," she said, "It is a very pretty fight as it stands." So I may say about the controversy between Carnegie, Cory and Schwab.

Legally: I think you may pronounce a Pittsburgh law point, par excel-

lent. Wherever heavy industries occur will there be found illegal methods not few. I would not for an instant be understood as reflecting upon the character of Pittsburgh and its people, for no one could be more hospitable and generous than they have been to us, nor do I for one moment think anyone of us gathered around these tables here to-night doubt but that this same spirit lies within the hearts of nearly every individual citizen of this commonwealth. But, I am not sure that Pittsburgh has not resumed her maiden name of Duquesne. Divorce has become rather prevalent, but I feel that public policy would forbid a severance of the Allegheny and the Monongahela and I also feel sure that there are thousands of homes into which the thought of divorce has never entered. The ships that go down on the rocks are reported in the papers but those that come safely into port we hear nothing of.

I promised you to treat the subject with some gravity, and in order to do so, I will close by referring to the death of a Pittsburgh philanthropist:

"A Pittsburgher lay dying, a muffled hush was there,

His poor relations gathered 'round, to see him gasp for air.

His final flight was imminent, his thick breath came and went,

They bent to catch his parting words, 'twas, 'done at 10 per cent.'"

At this point, Dr. Lyon introduced Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, who had requested an opportunity to say a few words. Brother Glazebrook said:

I do not wish to be misunderstood in making this request, but I have a surprise for the Worthy Grand Chief retiring from office to-night. Not very long ago in one of his chapter letters, Brother Lyon asked the members of the fraternity to take under consideration the matter of securing a seal for the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In the last day or two, I have become acquainted with the fact that one of the delegates to this Congress had, after very careful and painstaking work, prepared a specimen to be presented, if it was deemed worthy. Having been consulted upon the matter, and deeming it very worthy of consideration, I take this liberty of presenting—simply presenting—the specimen for consideration of this fraternity, of a seal prepared by one of the youngest delegates to this Congress, Brother P. V. Stout, of Alabama Epsilon chapter.

The speaker then presented a seal of the fraternity drawn by Brother Stout according to heraldry specifications. (The PALM expects to produce a picture of this work in an early issue.) Dr. Lyon, surprised and somewhat embarrassed, managed to respond in these words:

Brothers, I am indeed surprised; I do not know what to say to thank you for this gift, and to thank him who made it. One of the brothers,

whose opinion I prize very highly, said to me a few minutes ago, "You ought to be a proud man to be boss of this bunch." Brothers, I am a proud man, to be the boss, even the easy boss that they have in New York state, of this bunch. I did not intend to tell you a story, but I happen to think of one which in some sense, fits the case, as I am to retire from the position which I now hold, but it has gone the rounds of the press recently, tho' I am sure you did not all see it: It seemed that a certain old colored man had a mule whose age and habits were well known, and he sold it. A neighbor said to him, "Sambo, what have you done with that mule?" "Done sold it, suh, done sold it." "I would think you would want to keep that mule, Sambo." "No suh, I was glad to get that mule off my mind, and on my conscience." Now I am going to get Alpha Tau off my mind, boys, to-morrow, but I promise you it will be on my conscience always, and I hope that my conscience will not be situated far enough from my mind but what I shall often think of her, and I think I shall. I thank you Brother Glazebrook for those words, I thank Brother Stout for what he has done, and I thank you all for being here.

Claude T. Reno was next introduced and asked to talk about the only subject of which he knows anything, the PALM. Reno responded by telling what the PALM had accomplished, how well he liked his job, promised to reduce the subscription price after 2,000 subscribers had been secured, and then subsided. Three cheers were suggested for the PALM. The PALM accepted them most gracefully.

Founder Glazebrook was next presented. Pandemonium reigned for several minutes thereafter. The entire assemblage rose on its feet and gave the Doctor such a reception as he probably had never experienced before. When, finally, silence was restored, the beloved Founder proceeded to discuss, "The Tenets of Alpha Tau Omega" and for almost an hour he held the undivided attention of the banqueters. It was a masterly exposition of the cardinal principles of his fraternity. Men who have attended Congress for years and who have heard Dr. Glazebrook on numerous occasions declare that he never spoke with as much force, eloquence and inspiration as on this night. (Unfortunately, the official stenographer became so much engrossed in what he was hearing that he failed to take notes of a portion of the address and the PALM is compelled to omit his transcript until the same is completed.) At the conclusion of his address, the venerable Founder was greeted with prolonged and continued applause.

Senator Owen was not present and, of course, could not respond to the toast assigned to him. Charles H. Fenn, former Worthy Grand Chief, was present and proceeded to relieve his mind upon his favorite topic, "Scholarships." "Charlie" impressed the need of establishing scholarships for deserving members of the fraternity and waxed eloquent concerning Napoleon at the bridge of Lodi. When he concluded he was given the merry "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" and Claude S. Wilson, the Worthy Grand Scribe, read half a hundred telegrams and letters of regret.

By this time, the early morning had been reached. Many were loath to depart, but nature asserted itself and compelled the merry company to seek rest and sleep. Our friend, the country editor, would have said, "Every one went home feeling he had had a fine time." Selah!

THE PITTSBURGH COMMITTEE.

The fraternity is under many obligations to the Pittsburgh brethren who provided the many pleasures and entertainments incident to the Congress. Nothing was spared to give the Congress every opportunity to enjoy itself and the arrangements for each event were so well managed that all of them passed off without a hitch in the proceedings. The genial hospitality extended was not only adequate but lavish and appropriate and the Pittsburgh brothers will long be remembered by the grateful delegates and visitors.

Especial thanks are due to Brothers Hosack, former Worthy High Chancellor, E. W. Marshall and W. D. McBryar. The two last named were at their posts of duty during every minute of the Congress extending a warm welcome, rendering desired information and caring for the comfort of the visitors. Indeed, nothing was left undone by them and their associates to make the twenty-first meeting "the best ever."

THE CONGRESS HOTEL.

The Pittsburgh committee could not have selected a better hotel than the Schenley. Its location is an ideal one for a convention hotel, being so far removed from the center and busier portion of the great city that there was no inducement for dele-

gates to go sight-seeing at the expense of the business sessions. Its commodious banquet hall provided ample accommodations for the sessions of the Congress and its numerous parlors afforded excellent places for meetings of the various committees. Its arrangements for handling its guests and providing for their comfort were not to be improved upon and the usual hotel knocker simply had no kick coming.

Mr. James Riley, the proprietor, was present during the entire Congress and gave his personal attention to supervising the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and visitors. The fraternity is indeed under many obligations to Mr. Riley for his interest in the welfare of its twenty-first Congress. His letter addressed to Brother E. M. Marshall, is worth reproduction here:

Yours of the 19th inst. received, and I wish to thank you and your committee for the very kind expressions conveyed, in reference to the convention of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which was held at the Schenley from December 30th, 1908, to January 2nd, 1909. While you have given all the credit to myself and the employees of the Schenley, I wish to say that we were able to give such good service on account of the gentlemanly manner of the delegates. At no time during their stay, was there anyone who made himself disagreeable, and it was a great pleasure to feel that I was in a position to give them good service, knowing that a full appreciation would be felt by everyone.

The assistance I received from your committee, went a great way to the success of the whole affair, and I trust at some future time, that the Schenley will again be selected for one of their meetings.

THE NEWSPAPERS.

While the Congress did not receive the same attention it has been accustomed to secure from the newspapers, it was, nevertheless, the subject of several very flattering write-ups. The average reporter who called at the hotel did not seem to wholly understand the aims and objects of Greek-letter fraternalism and apparently had to be instructed in the fundamentals of the cause. Still, they produced fairly decent accounts of the business and pleasures of the Congress. The report of the Worthy Grand Chief and particularly that portion wherein he urges men not to partake in athletics and other collegiate activities at the expense of intellectual pursuits excited the reporters who were looking for something that could be moulded into a good headline,

and the following afternoon the newspapers announced in large black type that "Football Spirit Receives Set Back." The Associated Press took up the idea and, no doubt, many an Alpha Tau was compelled to explain that his fraternity did not propose to put the typical American college sport out of business. The following editorial, one of several on the same subject, taken from the Pittsburgh *Gazette-Times* is of interest in this connection:

DON'T BLAME THE PLAYERS.

The influence of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity, now meeting in Pittsburgh, is to be exerted, it is announced, toward minimizing the "football spirit" and emphasizing the real purpose for which young men are sent to the university. The alleged tendency to exalt athletics at the expense of scholarship is characterized by one of the officers of the fraternity as "a chief danger threatening the higher educational system." This would seem to be putting the case a little too strongly. However that may be, there is undoubtedly room for missionary work along a slightly different though related line of endeavor: that of persuading those students who now devote so large a proportion of their time to discussing football and "rooting" at games, to become actual participants. The real danger, apparently, is not that students will neglect their studies to engage actively in athletics, but that they will waste valuable time as the passive supporters of those who are getting genuine benefit from outdoor exercise. In a college of 1,000 students perhaps 30 or 40 will manifest sufficient practical interest in football to don uniforms and get out on the practice field. The remainder stay on the sidelines and exercise their lungs. The same is true of other kinds of athletics. A few do the actual work and reap the undoubted advantages.

A certain standard of scholarship is demanded from members of the football and other teams, and those who fall below are not permitted to compete. It is evident, therefore, that a youth who engages in athletics can not well do so at the expense of his scholastic work. But this is not true of the "rooters." They have no such stimulus as the athletes to keep them up to the mark. A variety of reasons may cause a student to fall behind in class work, and the faculty has no means of knowing that football is really to blame in the case of one who is really to blame in the case of one who is not an active participant. Here is room for reform. But the men who actually play the gridiron game are not often found in the ranks of the laggards.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The official jewelers were represented by their best salesmen who displayed large assortments of A. T. O. jewelry and novelties and conducted the usual drawings for badges. The badge offered

by Hoover & Smith, the Philadelphia jewelers, was a magnificent diamond jeweled pin, costing \$125, and was won by H. P. Crowell, the Vermont Beta Zeta delegate, whose chance had cost him exactly one cent.

The usual souvenirs were supplied by the jewelers. R. J. F. Roehm & Co., presented very neat cravat pins; Auld & Co., had an appropriate lapel button; Burr, Patterson & Co., contributed another style of button, while Hoover & Smith gave out still another style. Indeed, the average delegate had more souvenirs and badges than he had places to wear them.

On the afternoon of the last day, a committee, headed by Brother Max S. Erdman, solicited funds and purchased a magnificent and valuable diamond jeweled A. T. O. badge and informally presented it to Dr. E. P. Lyon, the retiring Worthy Grand Chief, in the lobby of the hotel. Dr. Lyon was almost overcome with surprise and for a short space of time could only mumble inaudible words of thanks. Recovering, though, he thanked the brothers for their kind manifestation of appreciation and for the rest of the Congress was absolutely the proudest man present.

The national convention of Phi Kappa Sigma was held at the Hotel Schenley on Friday and Saturday of the same week. Comparatively speaking, Phi Kappa Sigma is a small fraternity and the convention did not, at the most, attract more than fifty delegates and visitors. They were a fine set of fellows, though, and the membership of the two societies fraternized as only Greeks can. On Friday, the Congress appointed a committee, of which Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook was the chairman, to extend the greetings of Alpha Tau Omega. Phi Kappa Sigma had already appointed a similar committee and the two committees confronted each other in the corridor of the hotel, each one being engaged in seeking the headquarters of the opposite society. Greetings were then exchanged and the committees separated.

"Shorty" Hooper, six feet, five inches tall, with a pair of lungs that would put Champ Clark to the tall pines, was elected official cheer leader of the Congress. Our tall friend is a freshman at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and ought to be of some use to some one after he grows up.

For some unknown reason the Pittsburgh Congress was a

"stag" affair. Many had promised to bring their wives and daughters, but, with one exception, the fair sex did not materialize. The exception was Mrs. Claude S. Wilson, the wife of the popular Worthy Grand Scribe, who journeyed from Nebraska to be present at the first Congress held since her marriage.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

Worthy Grand Chief, Dr. E. P. Lyon; Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, G. D. Ellsworth; Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, Dr. L. W. Glazebrook; Worthy Grand Scribe, Claude S. Wilson; Worthy High Chancellor, James B. Green; High Council, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman; N. Wiley Thomas, Frank G. Wren, Hugh Martin; Editor of the PALM, Claude T. Reno; Secretary to the W. G. C., Carroll Smith.

PROVINCE CHIEFS.

Province I, L. H. Putnam; Province II, Carl R. Dick; Province III, John N. Van der Vries; Province IV, George Maguire; Province V, Hamilton C. Connor; Province VI, W. L. Wilhoite; Province VII, Paul R. Hickok; Province VIII, H. W. Jervey.

ACTIVE CHAPTER DELEGATES.

Province I—Ala. Alpha Epsilon, Penrose V. Stout; Ala. Beta Beta, J. A. Elliott, Jr.; Ala. Beta Delta, L. H. Woodruff; Fla. Alpha Omega, W. B. Martin; Ga. Alpha Beta, H. P. Heath; Ga. Alpha Theta, Walter S. Bryan; Ga. Alpha Zeta, J. N. Johnson, Jr.; Ga. Beta Iota, W. S. Tutwiler; La. Beta Epsilon, J. W. George; Tex. Gamma Eta, W. I. Sims.

Province II—Ill. Gamma Zeta, J. H. Sontag; Ill. Gamma Xi, P. A. Gallagher; Ind. Gamma Gamma, E. G. Jones; Ind. Gamma Omicron, Will Hart; Mich. Alpha Mu, E. C. Lucas; Mich. Beta Kappa, H. F. Ford; Mich. Beta Lambda, I. S. Coe; Mich. Beta Omicron, J. Clifford Smith; Wis. Gamma Tau, B. F. Bennett.

Province III—Cal. Gamma Iota, W. B. Sawyer, Jr.; Col. Gamma Lambda, Fred E. Hagen; Iowa Beta Alpha, Bert Harris; Iowa Gamma Upsilon, G. K. Swift; Kansas Gamma Mu, H. L. Luther; Minn. Gamma Nu, Harold Y. Williams; Neb. Gamma Theta, A. Barth; Wash. Gamma Pi, Lewis Williams.

Province IV—Maine Beta Upsilon, E. W. Hall; Maine Gamma Alpha, Edwin W. Merrill; Mass. Beta Gamma, G. A. Joslin; Mass. Gamma Beta, Carl P. Hubbard; Mass. Gamma Sigma, Chas. W. Morden; R. I. Gamma Delta, R. H. Wilmarth; Vt. Beta Zeta, H. P. Crowell.

Province V—N. Y. Alpha Lambda, C. R. Carroll; N. Y. Alpha Omicron, Alexander Calder; N. Y. Beta Theta, George Andrews; Penn. Alpha Iota, Jesse L. Stettler; Penn. Alpha Pi, H. L. Allshouse; Penn. Alpha Rho, W. E. Sturges, Jr.; Penn. Alpha Upsilon, P. F. Bloomhardt; Penn. Tau, Edward B. Caldwell, Jr.

Province VI—N. C. Alpha Delta, Donald F. Ray; N. C. Xi, C. N. Crawford; S. C. Beta Xi, J. J. Pringle Smith; Va. Beta, W. C. Armentrout; Va. Delta, C. C. Walker, Jr.

Province VII—Ohio Alpha Nu, James R. Monahan; Ohio Alpha Psi, Downing Beach; Ohio Beta Eta, S. M. Mitchell; Ohio Beta Mu, M. A. Blankenthorn; Ohio Beta Omega, Harry G. Allen; Ohio Gamma Kappa, Craig H. Richey.

Province VIII—Tenn. Alpha Tau, G. W. Cheek; Tenn. Beta Pi, W. E. Bolling; Tenn. Beta Tau, M. E. Ward; Tenn. Omega, Clark Waring; Tenn. Pi, W. W. Carson.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DELEGATES.

Allentown, Ralph R. Metzger; Atlanta, Edward A. Werner; Birmingham, Fred Bryant; Chicago, Chas. H. Fry; Washington, L. W. Glazebrook; Indianapolis, W. L. Bridges; New York, W. W. Moss; Philadelphia, C. H. Williamson; Providence, Ralph Estes; Reading, L. W. Fink; Savannah, W. W. Owens; South Carolina, J. P. Smith; St. Louis, Carroll Smith; Salt Lake City, L. B. Merritt; Western Carolina, W. L. Wilhoite; Massachusetts, Alexander Macomber; Alliance, G. A. Allott; Kansas, John N. Van der Vries.

VISITORS.

Frank Adair, Georgia Beta Iota; James H. Agnew, Mich. Beta Lambda; Harry G. Allen, Ohio Beta Omega; L. C. Allen, Ill. Gamma Xi; Guy E. Allott, Ohio Alpha Nu; Clark T. Anderson, Mich. Alpha Mu; Albert J. Argue, N. Y. Beta Theta; Fred T. Aschman, Jr., Pa. Alpha Pi; Edwin K. Atwood, N. Y. Beta Theta; Thomas D. Austin, Me. Beta Upsilon; Roland W. Boggott, Ohio Beta Omega; Thaddeus F. Bailey, Ohio Alpha Nu.

Robert C. Barton, Pa. Alpha Pi; Maurice B. Bender, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Edward A. Bentley, N. Y. Beta Theta; Chas. E. Berry, Ohio Gamma Kappa; Chas. W. Bird, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Howard M. Bissell, N. Y. Beta Theta; J. S. Blue, Ohio Beta Eta; Howard Blume, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Mark G. Borland, Pa. Alpha Pi; Carl L. Bradt, Mich. Beta Lambda; Alione D. Breitenreiter, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; William L. Bridges, Ind. Gamma Omicron; Ferdinand H. Bryant, Ala. Beta Beta; Frank N. D. Buchman, Pa. Alpha Iota; Paul C. Bunn, Ohio Beta Mu; Wm. H. Burd, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Kenneth O. Burgwin, N. C. Alpha Delta; J. M. Burns, Pa. Alpha Pi; Haywood M. Butler, R. I. Gamma Delta.

Wm. A. Curfman, Pa. Alpha Pi; George H. Campbell, R. I. Gamma Delta; O. W. Carpenter, Ohio Beta Eta; Francis J. Carr, Ohio Alpha Nu; John C. Carr, Ohio Alpha Nu; Roberts H. Carr, Ohio Alpha Nu; Thomas Arkle Clark, Ill. Gamma Zeta; Fred P. Colette, Ohio Alpha Psi; Emil Colquist, Pa. Alpha Pi; J. B. Connor, Pa. Tau; Harry A. Cornelius, Mich. Alpha Mu; J. D. H. Cornelius, Mich. Alpha Mu; Willard M. Cornelius, Mich. Beta Lambda; Wm. B. Cornell, N. Y. Beta Theta; Hiram H. Cully, Ohio Alpha Nu.

Arthur C. Dale, Ohio Alpha Psi; Carl B. Digby, Pa. Alpha Rho; Thurman W. Dix, Vt. Beta Zeta; Arthur E. Dixon, Ohio Beta Mu; Wm. W. Donaldson, Pa. Alpha Pi; Clinton N. Draper, Mass. Beta Gamma; John A. Dufford, Ohio Alpha Nu; Wm. K. Dunbar, Pa. Alpha Rho; B. M. Duncan, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Harry A. Duncan, N. Y. Alpha Omicron.

Emmett F. Eldredge, Ohio Alpha Nu; Arthur D. Elsberry, Ala. Alpha Epsilon; Fred H. Emerson, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Chas. S. Emmert, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Max S. Erdman, Pa. Alpha Iota; David I. Evans, Jr., Ohio Alpha Nu.

William A. Feather, Ohio Gamma Kappa; Charles H. Fenn, Mich. Beta Omicron; Joseph Fewsmith, Ohio Beta Mu; Andrew O. Fleming, Ohio Alpha Nu; Harry J. Fritch, Pa. Alpha Iota; Philip F. Fulmer, Jr., Pa. Tau.

Paul M. Gault, Ohio Beta Omega; Rollin E. Gebhart, Pa. Tau; William R. Gladden, Pa. Alpha Pi; Frederick R. Gleason, Rhode Island Gamma Delta; Harvey J. Grazin, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Robert E. Griffith, Pa. Tau; Benjamin F. Gudge, Mass. Gamma Beta.

Oliver J. Haller, Pa. Alpha Rho; B. R. Hough, Pa. Alpha Pi; H. C. Hanson, Pa. Alpha Pi; Alexander Hardie, Ohio Beta Eta; Chester S. Hardy, R. I. Gamma Delta; Jos. Harris, Mass. Gamma Sigma; Bert B. Harrison, Ohio Beta Mu; Clifford C. Hartman, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; John C. Hartman, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Robert J. Hartman, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Arthur E. Hartzell, Pa. Alpha Pi; Edward S. Hawkins, Mich. Alpha Mu; John D. Harpes, Ohio Beta Mu; Mark Hayes, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; George L. Hayes, Pa. Tau; A. A. Henderson, Ohio Beta Eta; John J. Henderson, Ohio Beta Mu; Francis F. Herr, Ohio Gamma Kappa; J. Tom Hoffman, Ohio Beta Omega; George C. Hollandsworth, Tenn. Pi; John H. Holt, Ala. Alpha Epsilon; Lloyd E. Honeywell, Ohio Beta Mu; Linzel S. Hooper, Mass. Beta Gamma; George M. Hosack, Mich. Beta Lambda; Moulton J. Hosack, Mich. Beta Lambda; Fred P. Hosmer, Me. Beta Upsilon; George L. Hughes, Va. Beta.

Francis H. Irwin, Pa. Alpha Pi.

Arthur I. James, Pa. Alpha Pi; Frank S. James, Pa. Alpha Pi; Harry R. James, Pa. Alpha Rho; Clarence R. Johnson, R. I. Gamma Delta; Vaughn J. Jolliff, Pa. Alpha Pi; J. D. Jones, Wis. Gamma Tau; George W. Karmany, Pa. Alpha Upsilon.

Horace S. Kerr, Ohio Beta Eta; Maurice Kerr, Pa. Alpha Pi; Herbert D. Knelland, N. Y. Beta Theta; Robert A. Knox, Pa. Alpha Pi; Paul M. Kuder, Pa. Alpha Iota.

Harold A. Lane, Ohio Alpha Nu; George H. Lantz, Wis. Gamma Tau; John A. Lichty, Ohio Alpha Nu; Milton J. Lichty, Ohio Alpha Nu; Frank C. Loring, N. Y. Alpha Lambda.

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John A. Nye, Iowa Beta Alpha.

Ernest L. Osborne, Ga. Alpha Theta.

Newton F. Packard, Mass. Gamma Beta; Wm. R. Page, Ohio Alpha Psi; Miller B. Pennell, Ohio Alpha Nu; Robert G. Phillips, Iowa Beta Alpha; Chas. W. Phifer, Ohio Beta Eta; Norman G. Phillipy, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Herbert D. Porterfield, Iowa Beta Alpha; George A. Post, Jr., N. Y. Beta Theta; Howard D. Pritchard, Ohio Beta Mu.

C. L. S. Raby, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; James M. Raine, Pa. Alpha Rho; Levi Rawson, Ohio Beta Mu; Harry B. Richardson, Pa. Alpha Pi; Ludwig Ries, Jr., Ind. Gamma Omicron; John R. Ruggles, Ohio Gamma Kappa; James B. Ruhl, Ohio Alpha Psi; Lester R. Ruth, Ohio Alpha Nu.

Raymond L. Sanford, Vt. Beta Zeta; Henry C. Schwable, Ind. Gamma Gamma; George J. Schwartz, Ohio Beta Mu; David H. Shaffer, Pa. Alpha Pi; Thomas H. Silver, Ohio Gamma Kappa; Alex N. Slocum, N. Y. Beta Theta; R. Howard Smith, Mass. Gamma Beta; Ralph L. Smith, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; R. Morris Smith, Pa. Alpha Iota; Walter E. Smith, Pa. Alpha Rho; Ellis B. Southworth, N. Y. Alpha Lambda; Ben St. Steele, Ga. Beta Iota; Frank A. Steele, Ohio Beta Mu; Brainerd U. Stephens, Ind. Gamma Omicron; J. Rea Stockton, Ohio Beta Mu; Homer T. Swift, Mich. Alpha Mu.

George H. Taber, Pa. Tau; Howard H. Tanner, Pa. Alpha Pi; Royal J. Taylor, N. Y. Beta Theta; William W. Tolerton, Ohio Beta Eta; Henry A. Troyan, Ohio Gamma Kappa; J. M. Tufts, Kansas Gamma Mu; Wm. S. Tutwiler, Va. Beta; Neal A. Tyler, Mich. Beta Lambda.

Frank A. Vockrodt, Pa. Alpha Rho; Joseph H. Vosskuchler, Ohio Beta Omega.

Robert M. Wadsworth, Ohio Beta Mu; Ralph J. Waite, Pa. Tau; Frank M. Wallace, Pa. Alpha Pi; W. B. Wallace, Ohio Alpha Nu; Herbert D. Warner, Mich. Beta Lambda; A. Warren Way, Pa. Tau; Wm. E. Weld, Ohio Beta Mu; Chas. W. Wernke, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Jos. G. West, Ga. Beta Iota; Hugh F. Wheeler, Colorado Gamma Lambda; Benton White, Tenn. Pi; Howard J. White, R. I. Gamma Delta; James O. White, Mich. Beta Omicron; John A. Williams, Pa. Tau; Joseph F. Wilhaus, Ohio Gamma Kappa; Lewis H. Williams, Pa. Tau; Clarence H. Williams, Pa. Tau.

Edwin Yawger, N. Y. Beta Theta.

John B. Zimm, Pa. Alpha Upsilon.

Registration Statistics: Total, 295; At Banquet, 237; At Smoker, 228; Auto Rides, 193.

This is where so many chapters are weak. The money due the chapter is not collected when it ought to be and while the chapter has jurisdiction over the delinquent, and the chapter not only falls behind but the debtor graduates or leaves college and the chapter can not and does not collect what is due. This throws an unjust burden on the members who do pay and it makes the work of the treasurer difficult and unpleasant. Alumni should supervise if not actually handle this part of the chapter's work. If there is no alumnus living in the college town who can act as an auditing committee or none within reach who can visit the chapter occasionally for that purpose, then possibly the chapter can make an arrangement with an officer of a local bank or some financial institution, or some one used to accounts, who can audit the accounts and make a clear presentation of a financial situation for the chapter to consider. If there is no one in the chapter with stamina enough to insist upon the payment of just debts, and this sometimes seems to be the case, some one should have sense enough to notify the officers of the fraternity.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

DEMOCRACY IN COLLEGE.

(The Congress Oration.)

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK (University of Illinois).

A FRIEND of mine, who is both a scholar and a man of the most democratic training, has said in a recent number of *Science*: "The most noteworthy fact in nineteenth century history is the onward sweep of democracy. * * * * The nineteenth century was one of great material development whose activity has hardly yet slackened. If democracy is to endure or is not to sink into a materialism like communism, the twentieth century must develop our legal, political, social and ethical ideals and institutions to a corresponding degree. In the absence of such development the only alternatives are the worship of materialism leading to the communistic order, or the destruction of democracy by the proportioned classes, who will not permit communism. For the prevention of either disaster the promotion of scholarship in every subject of study will help."

With him I believe that the perpetuity of our democracy is dependent upon the development of the broadest sort of scholarship. I believe equally that in the pursuit of scholarship we are aided materially by the cultivation in college of democracy in our relations with one another. If democracy is dependent upon our encouragement of scholarship, then scholarship also falls short of its full power if it is not nurtured in a democratic environment.

In my own State a very well known man of wealth is spending considerable time and no small amount of money in an attempt to prove that a college training for men in the technical professions at least is, if not a detriment, at least expensive and useless. His theory is that young men waste in college four of the most valuable years of their lives, and squander varying sums of money in getting information that could as well be obtained in practical work. During these four expensive years in college they might be learning fundamental technical facts, acquiring the most



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practical experience, and at the same time they could be earning their own living. At the end of these four years they would have as much practical information as the men who have been to college; they would be as well prepared for life, and they would have saved a comfortable sum of money—perhaps.

Such men as the one I have referred to fail to appreciate that facts and technical knowledge may be, and usually are, only a very small part of the training which a man gets from college. Few of us remember many of the facts which as undergraduates we learned. I spent many slowly passing hours and consumed generously the products of the Standard Oil, or some other company, in my attempts to acquire a knowledge of mathematics; I expended a good deal of nervous force in the pursuit of the facts of physical science, and I carried the course in the end in a manner pleasing to the instructor. I should not, however, enjoy the prospect of an examination in either one of these subjects at this relatively remote day. If I learned any facts connected with either of these interesting subjects I do not now recall them, and I do not remember that from the day I handed in my final examination paper until this afternoon, though several years have intervened, that I have felt any pressing or practical need of information upon either subject. The training I received is not on this account, however, to be counted of little value. The facts I acquired by hard labor soon left me, but the resulting development of my mind, I hope, remained. It is this mental training—this power to do or to think—which the man without a college training is likely to overlook or to underestimate. Facts we may discover in an encyclopedia; power to think and to act independently comes best by systematic thorough mental drill.

But as those of us who have been out of college for a number of years look back through the perspective of years in an attempt to estimate what was best and most permanent in our college training, I am sure we shall be struck with the effect and the importance of our associations during our undergraduate years. Neither the facts learned nor the mental training received will measure the great good which comes from four years in college. The opportunity for wide association with men is to be valued quite as highly as either of the other two elements, and it is of this that I wish especially to speak.

I am personally acquainted with a young man who graduated not long ago from one of the best known educational institutions in the country. He was a hard student and a clear thinker. On commencement day he was the valedictorian of his class, and his graduating oration was more than ordinarily thoughtful. He has not got on well in his profession, however, and the reason is not hard to find. He has an excellent command of the facts of his profession; he has a well ordered mind; but he does not know human beings. While in college he was a recluse, who gave all of his time to his books. He knew no one and few knew him. He ignored all of the thousand opportunities which come to a man in college to broaden his knowledge of his fellows, following the mistaken idea that the only purpose of a college training is to acquaint one with books rather than to give him as well a knowledge of men. Now, as a professional man he is awkward and self-conscious; he does not meet men easily, and he often fails to understand them and to judge them accurately; he has missed one of the most valuable parts of a college training and is suffering professionally because of the fact.

The institution from which I graduated had during my undergraduate days an enrollment of less than four hundred. There were daily chapel exercises which only death made it possible to evade, and which brought all the students together for a few minutes. Certain courses were prescribed for all students, no matter what special work they were pursuing, so that each student found a chance to rub elbows with every other member of his class. The president himself taught a course prescribed for all members of the senior class. The students lived in close proximity to the college. All this tended to bring them into close contact with each other, to develop sympathy, to break down class distinctions and social barriers, and to create a healthy democratic spirit in all the members of the student body.

I count it as one of the most valuable results of my college course that before the end of each year of my undergraduate career I could name every student in the institution. From force of circumstances I was brought into contact with ags, lits, medics and engineers. This contact gave me some superficial knowledge of the subjects the students were pursuing, of

their personal interests, of their personal experiences, but more than this of their personal characters. I learned to adjust myself to all sorts of conditions and to look at the things of life from various view points. I knew the man who got his own meals to keep down his expenses, and I sat next to the young fellow who had a million dollars in his own right. It was a surprise and a good lesson to me to learn that the second was less conceited than the first, and the first less democratic than the second. The work which I have been doing for the last ten years has brought me daily into contact with a large number of people; it has required an accurate and a rapid judgment of the individual, and an understanding and a recognition of all sorts of mental and moral attitudes. My college training helped to develop my judgment, but I value most highly the wide associations and contact with people, which more than anything else, gave me the knowledge and the sympathy necessary to deal intelligently with individuals of varied training and different ideals.

I was talking only a short time ago with a personal friend who has been very successful in public affairs. He is a graduate of one of the largest institutions in the middle west and was a student of high rank. He gave it, however, as his conviction that one of the most valuable experiences which he had in college—worth quite as much to him, he was convinced, as any single course for which he received credit—was his political campaign for the presidency of the college athletic association. It got him out among all classes of students, he saw how other students lived, he learned what they thought, he developed skill in meeting their objections or in enlisting their coöperation. The whole college community took on a different aspect to him. When the election was over and he had won he felt a new strength; he had reached a new view point with regard to his fellow students, and he counted more than a mere majority as his warm personal friends. He had learned something tangible of what real life is.

The student who has failed to get something of this experience while in college has missed much of pleasure and has handicapped himself for success in whatever profession he may enter. For after all the main business of life for the most of us is not to deal either with facts or with principles, but with people, and with people of varied education and tastes, of widely differing ideals

and experiences, and yet people whom we must try to understand and try to influence.

This is true no matter what a man's profession or business may be. Ministers fail because they have no real understanding of what an average human soul thinks or feels; teachers fail not so much because they are unfamiliar with their subjects as because they are out of touch and out of harmony with those they teach. The embryo lawyer's first business is to get acquainted with people; the engineer must "get the job" before he can put his knowledge or his theories into practice; the physician who does not understand his patient has small chance often of working a cure; the business man must have learned to attract and to deal with all classes. The whole theory of success in any line of business is to a large degree dependent upon a man's ability to understand and to adapt himself to all classes of people. College is not only a preparation for life—it is life, and no college man can afford to miss the training which comes from democratic associations.

In the days of our fathers democracy was the dominating principle of college. Not to know one's classmates personally would have been as bad as not to know one's next door neighbors in a country village. There is a growing feeling to-day that, especially in our larger institutions, and even in our smaller ones, the spirit of democracy is waning, that class and social distinctions are being more and more emphasized, and that college men in general are showing a growing tendency to break up into small cliques. The American correspondent of the *London Times* recently said that the greatest need in our colleges "is a purer and better democracy in which there shall be neither need nor place for the present social organizations and combinations which reproduce the class distinctions based chiefly on wealth which are arising in all parts of the country."

All over the country the colleges are coming to realize the need of more democratic relations among students and faculty, and many of the better institutions are taking means to correct the evil. The movement is not one which has for its purpose the establishment of equal social relations among students, for with all the variations of wealth and social training which one finds in a college community this would obviously be undesirable

and impossible. The purpose of this movement is, however, to establish a community of interest which will make it possible for all students to meet upon a common ground, to provide a common meeting place which will give an opportunity for the cultivation of such a community of interest, for the development of class and college spirit and for the encouragement of all legitimate student enterprises.

Students are not often innately snobs. If they are so it is usually for lack of knowledge or of experience. The man who thinks that all the good fellows are in his bunch thinks so because he doesn't know any other bunch. He is missing one of the most helpful experiences of his college life; he needs to get out and mingle with the crowd, and unless he is hopeless he will soon change his opinion. Give the average young American a chance and he is naturally sociable and democratic in his tastes.

It is this desire to make democratic relationships easy that has within recent years brought about the general movement for the organization of students' unions or commons. The whole scheme of living at Princeton, as I understand it, is to break down as far as possible superficial class and social distinctions. The Harvard Union is in its essence for the purpose of encouraging and developing democracy in the student body of that great institution. At Brown, at Pennsylvania, at Chicago, at Wisconsin, the same effort is being made by means of an organization and a building to develop democratic interests. Michigan has one of the best unions in the country and is planning, I believe, to spend \$250,000 on a building for the carrying out of her democratic purposes. Other large institutions are being equally active. At my own institution there has been within the last few years a growing feeling that democracy was waning and that such a condition is an undesirable one. There is now a vigorous movement on foot for the organization of a student union whose purpose shall be to bring students of all classes and all organizations together, and eventually to raise money for the erection of a suitable building to be used as a general meeting place for students.

All these movements simply emphasize the fact that college students and college authorities are coming rapidly to see that democracy is one of the essential principles of a liberal training. In a recent editorial on this subject the editor of the *New York*

Nation says: "The students who follow their bent and confine their acquaintance to a narrow circle, lose much that college might give them; and any agency which confines them in this unhappy way is in so far forth destructive of the ends of liberal education."

I believe strongly that for all of us, student, alumnus, instructor, or whatever relation we may bear to the college, there is a duty, if we wish to do the best thing for the institution or for the individual, to foster and encourage this spirit of democracy.

I have thought it not unwise at a meeting of this sort, called in the interest of a college fraternity to speak thus upon a subject which at first thought might seem out of harmony with the purposes of this congress. I believe, however, that it is not. There is a growing feeling among college authorities, and in the general public, that the Greek-letter fraternity tends to develop clannishness and cliques; that it is opposed to democracy and aims to set up a narrow bigoted aristocracy of its own. A few months ago I wrote to more than fifty college presidents and college officials in this country, representing the strongest and best institutions of the United States, asking for an opinion as to the strong points and the weaknesses of fraternities in their individual institutions. I was somewhat surprised to find that from the standpoint of these college officials clannishness, the tendency to withdraw into isolated groups, and the unwillingness to enter into general college affairs and to mingle democratically with the general student body, was the claim most frequently made against the fraternity.

Whether this condition is imagined or real it is to be deplored; in any case it puts such organizations into a bad light and is detrimental to their best development and influence. I have had a rather wide acquaintance for some years with fraternities and with fraternity men, and I do not believe that this view which I have just mentioned is a correct one. It is true, however, that university authorities and the general public were never before as now turning their attention to fraternities to discuss their weaknesses and their strong points, or to plan legislation for their correction or their control. The fraternity as a college organization has established itself soundly; it is here to stay; it behooves those who are in authority, however, in such organizations to act wisely, to think broadly, and to keep always in

mind the good of the college in general as well as the promotion of the organization.

I believe that the fraternity may be one of the most helpful influences in college life. In my experience as a college teacher and as a college official I have found fraternities and fraternity men of the greatest assistance in the accomplishment of every worthy movement. In disciplinary matters, which are always a vital subject in any college community, I have always been able to rely on the fraternity man to do his part. In the holding up of standards of scholarship, in the exercise of a healthy moral influence, and in the adherence to high personal ideals the fraternity man has uniformly won my own confidence and respect. Any college officer, if he is the right sort, may rely upon the greatest assistance from fraternity men in the maintenance of good order and in the development of satisfactory scholarship, healthy feeling and right ideals.

I believe in the fraternity for what it does and can do for its members. It is a normal desire to wish to form close friendships, to recognize a stronger obligation to a few people than to the world at large, and there are many advantages in carefully selected, closely organized groups of fellows. Such an organization gives more responsibility to the older men and more definite control to the younger. It makes sane conditions of living more easily possible, and it satisfies similar tastes and brings together men of similar ideals. Any fraternity man may well recognize the fact that he owes a heavy obligation to the other fellows in his group—an obligation and a duty which is no doubt more binding than that which he is under to any individual in the great mass whom he may and should know.

Having recognized these facts, however, or something akin to them, I am afraid that there are fraternity men who go no further. I have no sympathy with the idea which I once heard expressed by a fraternity man that, "A fellow who knows his own bunch well, knows all the people in college worth knowing." Every fraternity man is under obligations to know and to be interested in every individual in the group of men with whom he has cast his lot, but his duty does not end here. He owes something more to the community, something more to the college, something more to himself. The head of a household, of course,

owes his first duty to his family, but his obligations are not ended when this duty is discharged. He owes something to the community in which he lives, something to society, and something to the state, and the man who refuses to recognize these obligations is a poor citizen. It is equally the duty of the fraternity man, over and above his fraternity spirit, to be imbued with a real *college* spirit which will lead him to help every legitimate college interest. He should try to know as many men as possible, and he should never be above recognizing any man whom he knows. He should get into one or more of the general activities of college life—athletics, society, religion, politics, and out of them he should secure as thorough a training and develop as wide an acquaintance as possible. Every general organization should find some fraternity man in it; no worthy movement should be started without his support. It is only by thus showing his democratic interest in general college affairs that he can justify his narrower fraternal interest. If fraternities are to receive the general approval from college authorities which they deserve, the fraternity man must show that he is neither narrow in his interests and his sympathies nor a snob in his manners. He must show that he has at heart the best good of the college and of the college community. If the fraternity is to reach its best development in the future there must be no doubt in the mind of any one that the principles of the fraternity are broad, high, and democratic. Democracy is one of the most potent factors in a liberal training. The fraternity man, because of his opportunities, because of his position in the college community, has an unusual chance to exercise a strong force in the development and in the spread of such a spirit. He owes it to himself, he owes it to his fraternity, and he owes it to the college which nurtures him to do what he can for the strengthening of the democratic spirit in the college in which he works. The spirit of Alpha Tau Omega, I am sure, is in harmony with the spirit of democracy which has always characterized the American nation, and I feel confident that those who listen to me will carry with them into the colleges and the organizations from which they come this spirit of interest and helpfulness, not only in the specific organization to which they belong, but in the college and the community at large.

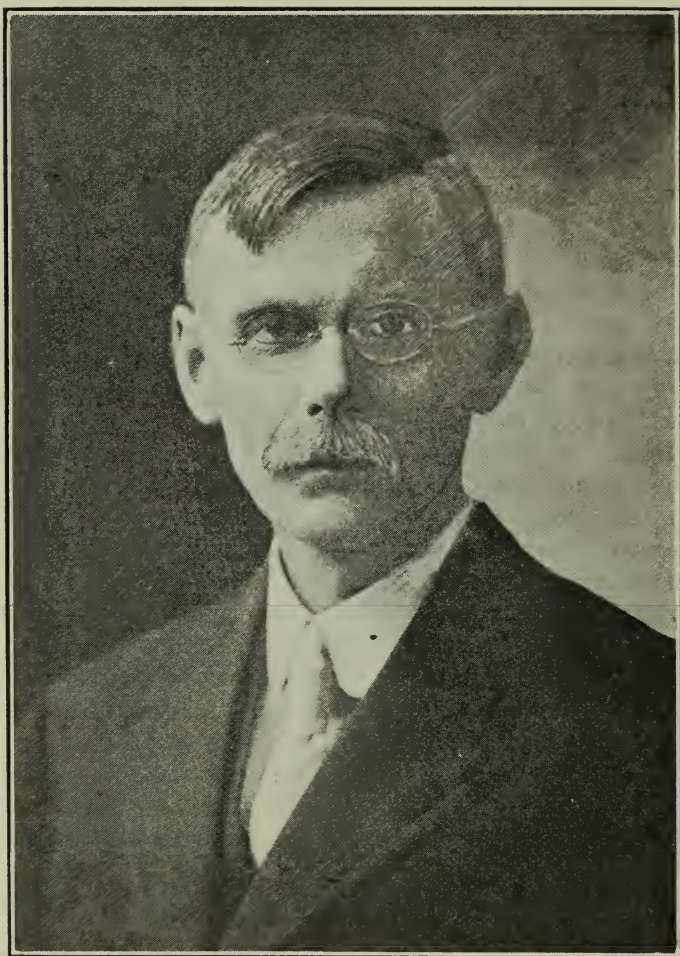
THE CONGRESS ORATOR.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK.

"DON'T fail to mention the fact that I was born and brought up a farmer," said Dean Thomas Arkle Clark the other night, when I went to ask him what had better be left unsaid in regard to his past, and found him busy behind a huge pile of "long themes" that had to be corrected before the morrow. There is nothing especially significant about the Dean's desire to be written down a farmer, except that it indicates his wish to be taken for exactly what he is worth, without any misunderstanding as to the raw material out of which the new member of our High Council has been derived.

He is a self-made product of Illinois, who does not regard his job as completed or his maker as entitled to any special adoration. Born on a farm near Minonk, Illinois, on May 11, 1862, he spent the first twenty-three years of his life on a farm under circumstances that developed his natural self-reliance and adaptability. With little more than a common school education he entered the academy of the University of Illinois in 1885; the next year entered the College of Literature and Arts of the university, and finished the course in 1890, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Literature.

His life as an undergraduate was a full one. He earned his own way, and many a forlorn student in these later years has had the benefit of added sympathy from the Dean whose memory does not dull or lessen the hardships that lay in his own path. But if he endured hardships, he had all the pleasures that lively interest and activity could bring. He was a zealous member of Philomathean, reported and set type for, and edited the *Illini*, edited the college annual one year, was junior orator and senior orator, and class poet. There was no person and no event of any consequence that he did not in one way or another come in contact with; and so he laid the basis then for the peculiar later development of his function at Illinois.



THOMAS ARKLE CLARK.
Congress Orator,

Mr. Clark taught school for a year after his graduation, then for two years served as instructor in English and Latin in the academy of the university. The next year he was made instructor in English in the university; he was advanced to assistant professor in 1895; and to professor in 1899. In the summer of 1896 he was married to Alice Virginia Broadbuss, whom he had known throughout his college course, and who graduated from Illinois in 1891.

It is upon his appointment to the position of assistant professor of Rhetoric in 1895 that the subsequent nature of his career turns. There was no department of rhetoric at the time. Assistant Professor Clark was appointed to make one. The story of how the department of Rhetoric grew under the new head can not here be detailed, but in twelve years it became one of the largest departments in the university; the number of persons giving instruction increased from one to twelve, the courses multiplied to eighteen. Much of his success was due to his excellence as a teacher. He has paid eloquent tribute to a sympathetic teacher who inspired him in his own college days. It is doubtful, however, if Illinois has ever had a more suggestive and inspiring instructor than Professor Clark. Naturally, he loves to teach; in spite of the many other calls upon his time, and in spite of the fact that in 1908 the burden of directing the reunited English department was transferred, he still teaches eight hours a week in some of the most largely elected courses in the university. Of the 400 exercises that his students write each week, Professor Clark reads half.

His work in building up the department showed marked administrative ability and knowledge of men. Because of the first, President Draper appointed him to act as Dean of the College of Literature and Arts in the absence of Dean Kinley in 1900; because of the second, a new administrative office was created in 1901, in which Professor Clark might use to greatest advantage the two qualities of which he had shown himself to be peculiarly possessed. The duties of the Dean of Undergraduates and Assistant to the President, as the new official was ponderously dubbed, were not defined. The incumbent had shown himself capable of finding plenty to do, and the university

public showed willingness to prove the office useful. Strictly, Dean Clark was supposed to stand in such a relation to the students as the President had occupied, but in truth the Dean became adviser to the university community, undergraduate and otherwise. He was called upon to settle family quarrels, to collect bills from graduates, to catch thieves, and do many other diverting and useful tasks, in addition to running his department. Of course, many of these things he declined to undertake; but the legitimate demands upon his time multiplied astonishingly.

When Dr. E. J. James succeeded Dr. Draper as president, "and Assistant to the President" was dropped from Dean Clark's title. But the duties of his office were increased rather than simplified. The number of students has grown, and with the growth have arisen many new problems. As chief disciplinary officer it has become Dean Clark's task to keep the records of attendance, to be in touch with all student activities, and all the multitudinous ways that ingenious undergraduates find to get themselves and the institution into difficulties. In doing what has come to his hand he has shown a fund of tact, shrewdness, understanding, and sympathy that are seldom found in one individual. College officers are proverbially helpless or awkward in handling matters of student discipline. Obviously, too, there exists a difference of opinion as to how far a university should attempt to bolster up the weak brothers. Dean Clark believes that it is better to look after a student and help him to keep straight, if he seems inclined to do otherwise, than it is gingerly to offer him knowledge at the end of a chilly intellectual stick, and let him go to the devil if he feels so inclined. Of course, some fellows are bent on taking that trip anyway, but a good many can be "headed off" if there is an officer about who knows all the paths, and all the symptoms of preparation for the journey. A few minutes "on the green carpet" with the Dean, have changed the course of many a student's life. Between fifty and seventy-five of them go to him each day, by invitation and otherwise. He does business all over the campus, on street cars, in the shops—wherever the puzzled or troubled undergraduate sees him, he is ready to lend a sympathetic ear.

What Dean Clark has done for the students can not be estimated; but Leland Stanford has heard enough to call him to help straighten the undergraduate affairs there, and other institutions have had their eyes on him. When the Stanford call came, and it seemed probable that "T. A." would go, graduates and undergraduates set up a howl of protest. Less noisily, but quite as effectively, the President, the Council, and the Trustees gave urgent and convincing reasons for his staying at Illinois. Out of the discussion has come a defining of his duties and a lessening of the difficulties that must reside in such a position.

Dean Clark means much to Illinois Gamma Zeta, to Alpha Tau Omega, and to fraternities in general. In 1895, he became a charter member of the local chapter, and he has been a constant and helpful influence. He has regarded the fraternity as a desirable adjunct to the university. No student is so hard to find or to control as the one who belongs to nothing, he says; every organization is a handle for getting a hold on students, and the fraternity is the most helpful, because it has the most fixed responsibility to its members. His voice has been heard in defense and in praise of fraternities; as his name has now become national in educational circles as a skillful administrator of college discipline, it means much to us all to know that the man who knows most about the daily human problems and human needs of the college student is a firm believer in the helpfulness of fraternities, and is a staunch and loyal Alpha Tau.

FRANK W. SCOTT.



REV. PAUL R. HICKOK,
Worthy Grand Chief.
(OHIO BETA MU.)

REV. PAUL R. HICKOK.

THE NEW WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

WHEN Doctor Lyon announced that he could no longer serve the fraternity as its chief executive, the eyes of the members instinctively sought out Brother Paul R. Hickok, of Ohio Beta Mu, as the logical successor. This choice was ratified by the Pittsburgh Congress, and the administration confided to a brother, who has not only deserved the recognition, but one who will vindicate the great confidence reposed in him.

Brother Hickok was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and lived in that state until 1890. He prepared for college at Carthage, Missouri, and entered the sophomore class at the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897.

At college, Brother Hickok engaged in all of the various student activities of his day. In the football team, he played center rush; in dramatics, he portrayed Shakespearian characters; in oratory and debate, he won medals for himself and victories for his societies; in religious work, he was always at the forefront. Indeed, he was an "all-around" college man.

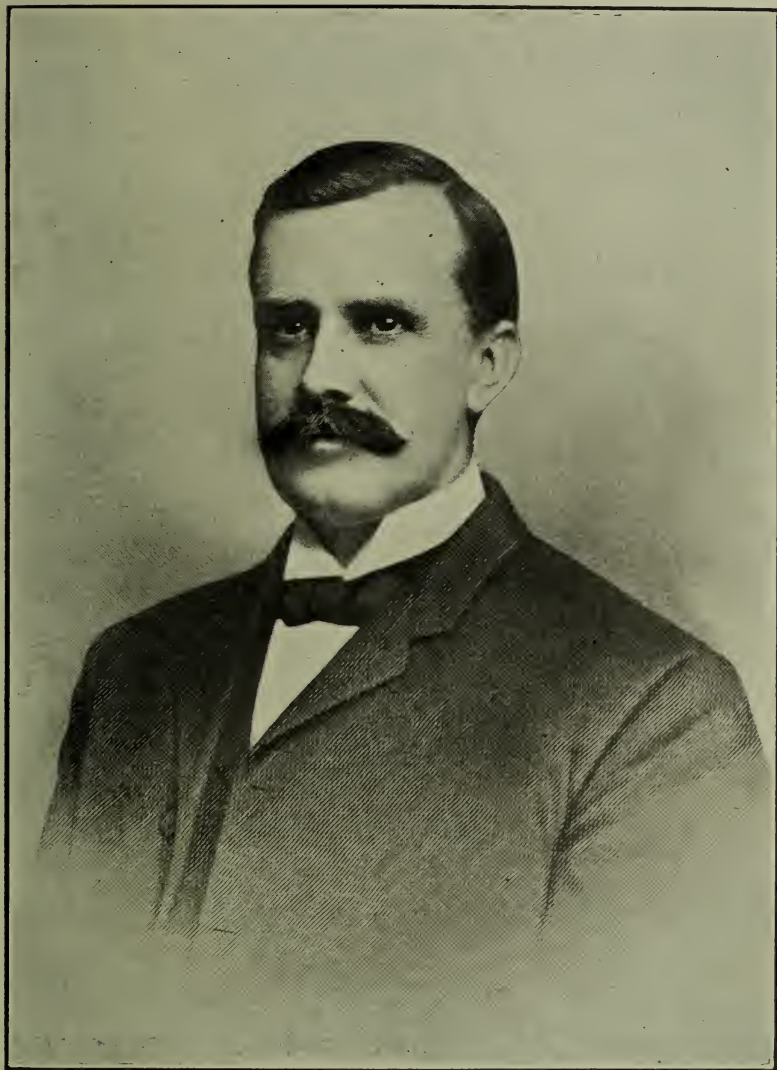
After graduating at Wooster, he attended the theological seminary at Auburn, New York, and graduated with the honors of his class in 1900. During his course there he served as assistant librarian and for several months, during the summer vacation, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, at Wichita, Kansas. After graduation he became assistant pastor of the Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio, the oldest and wealthiest congregation in that city. Later, he accepted a call from Delaware, Ohio, where he now presides over 700 communicants.

Brother Hickok was initiated into Ohio Beta Eta in 1894. He comes of a distinctively Alpha Tau family. His father, Francis M., and his brother, Ralph, are enthusiastic members of the brotherhood, and Paul has always manifested an absorbing

interest in Alpha Tau Omega. He has attended most of the meetings of the fraternity since his initiation and has always been a most influential and helpful delegate. In 1900, he was elected Worthy Grand Chaplain and held that position for four years and since 1902, he has been the very efficient Province Chief of the Ohio Province.

On September 6, 1900, Brother Hickok and Miss Mary Elliott were united in marriage. Mrs. Hickok was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at college, and has acquired an abiding and intelligent interest in Alpha Tau Omega. She has frequently been present at our biennial Congresses and her genial and pleasing personality have gone far to enhance the popularity of her husband.

Brother Hickok's administration will be a splendid success. He possesses all of the many qualifications for the high office he has been called upon to assume. He has sufficient time to devote to his work; he has an intelligent grasp of the details of his office; he is a ready and masterful writer and as an exponent of the Alpha Tauic doctrine his eloquence is exceeded only by the great master, Dr. Glazebrook. The PALM expects great good to flow from the present administration and believes its high hopes are fully justified.



HON. BEVERLY D. EVANS,
Presiding Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia.
(GA. ALPHA ZETA.)

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ALPHA TAUS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

VII—BEVERLY DANIEL EVANS.

It is not too much to say that Brother Beverly D. Evans has been one of Georgia's most valued and most useful citizens. For many years he has filled her most important offices, legislative, executive and judicial, and in all of them has earned universal satisfaction. He is now the presiding justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia and is conceded to be one of the ablest men that ever graced the highest bench of the State.

Brother Evans was born at Sandersville, Georgia, on May 21, 1865, and secured his early education in private schools. In October, 1879, he entered Mercer University and was graduated with the class of 1881. In the fall of 1883, he entered the junior law class at Yale and finished that year's work *cum laude*, but did not return for further work, having commenced the practice of the law, in association with his father, in Sandersville.

He achieved an election to the General Assembly of the State in 1886, having just arrived at the age of twenty-one. After serving one term he devoted his entire time to his profession until in 1890, when he was elected solicitor-general of the middle judicial district. This office he filled so acceptably that after holding it for seven years he was elected judge of the same circuit, retiring from that position in 1904 to accept an associate judgeship of the Supreme Court.

Among lawyers, the highest appellate court of Georgia is regarded with favor. Its decisions are extensively quoted in other states and even in jurisdictions wherein the practice and fundamentals of the law differ widely from those of Georgia, the decisions of her highest court are eagerly read and frequently followed. The present court is true to its traditions and is enhancing its great reputation. Justice Evans is, judging from the opinions written by him examined by the writer, a lawyer of wide learning, of careful reading and exact reasoning. Couched

in brief, yet comprehensive, language they are a delight to a profession already too much burdened by labored and inconsequential judicial utterances.

Brother Evans became a member of Alpha Tau Omega at Mercer and has ever since his membership retained a lively interest in the fraternity. He has often been present at fraternity functions held by our Atlanta alumni and his genial presence has served to make such events most enjoyable. He resides with his wife and four children in Atlanta and will, no doubt, be an interested spectator of the proceedings of our next Congress there.

Quite the most interesting paragraph contained in the historical sketch (1902-1908) in Sigma Chi's recently issued "Manual and Directory," informs the fraternity world of Sigma Chi's discovery of two long "lost" chapters.

"Recent information," says the grand historian, the editor of the manual, "seems to warrant us in giving a place in this volume to two 'lost' chapters which have not appeared in previous directories, viz., Epsilon (original) of the University of Nashville, installed May, 1856, and Chi Psi of the University of Louisiana, installed in 1882. Neither of these organizations were of long duration, and as official records were not preserved regarding them, it is only by chance that these data, incomplete as they are, have come to light."

Of Epsilon chapter the grand historian has learned that there were at least eight members, whose names are given, "but very little is known of either the history of the movement to found a chapter, or of the causes which led to its failure." As for the second "lost" chapter, that at the new defunct University of Louisiana, Sigma Chi until lately believed that the attempt of two of its members to found Chi Psi chapter "was indefinitely postponed before any initiations had occurred," a belief which led the fraternity's governing body to declare that "the charter of Chi Psi had expired by non-use." But "recent investigations into the matter seem to show that this action was taken without full information regarding the facts, for the reason that at least one initiation did occur. The chapter is therefore given a place in this directory."—*Caduceus*.

THE NINETEENTH OHIO CONCLAVE.

THE nineteenth annual conclave of Province VII (the State of Ohio) was held at Delaware, Ohio, on February 19th and 20th, Ohio Beta Eta, Ohio Wesleyan University, acting as hosts.

The conclave was a most successful one and will long be remembered by the alumni and active men throughout the state, as well as the men whose privilege it was to entertain them. Many of Beta Eta's alumni took advantage of this opportunity to re-visit their old chapter and the whole affair was declared a grand success.

Arriving in Delaware on Friday afternoon the men were entertained at the chapter house on North Sandusky Street at a smoker, which was well attended and enjoyed by all, the unique manner of serving the men being a mock bar and free lunch stand. After becoming acquainted in this manner the men were better prepared for the later meetings at which the whole attendance seemed as but one chapter.

On Saturday morning the business meeting was held in the Phi Sigma Chi high school rooms. At noon the men adjourned to Howald's Restaurant where they were served with an excellent dinner. Following this the company, numbering about sixty, repaired to Monnett Hall, the famous ladies' dormitory of Ohio Wesleyan, where a reception in honor of the visiting brothers was given by the local chapter to the ladies of the school. About three hundred co-eds were present and the halls were given up to the occasion. Light refreshments were served and excellent music was rendered. This feature proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the conclave and was praised by both the visitors and young ladies alike. Following this Rev. Paul R. Hickok, the new Worthy Grand Chief, held an open house at his beautiful residence on West Winter Street at which all the men were cordially invited and entertained in a manner which no one but Bro Hickok can excell. Here all those so desiring were

furnished with membership cards. The banquet was served at nine o'clock in the Delicatessen by the Richards Bros.

The business meeting was called to order by the Province Chief, Emmet L. Eldredge, as W. M., and the other officers as follows: Chaplain, B. P. Thomas, Alpha Psi; Donald Lingo, Beta Eta, W. K. E.; Paul H. Bunn, Beta Mu, W. S.; R. S. Van Atta, W. Sent.; W. S. Feather, Gamma Kappa, W. U.; C. S. Jackson, Beta Eta, PALM correspondent. Bro. Eldredge asked that the Worthy Grand Chief, Hickok, give a short talk. He responded with a few fitting remarks on the past, present and future of Province VII. The accredited delegates were then introduced as follows: Alpha Nu, W. H. Geiger; Alpha Psi, B. P. Thomas; Beta Eta, J. F. Potts; Beta Mu, P. C. Bunn; Beta Omega, R. S. Van Atta; Gamma Kappa, W. A. Feather; Cleveland Alumni Association, J. Paul Thompson; Springfield Alumni Association, Bro. McKinney; Alliance Alumni Association, Guy Allott. A motion then carried to the effect that telegrams of greeting be sent the grand officers and also to the Mu Iota club, at Lexington, congratulating them on their success. The minutes of the previous meeting not being on hand, the report given in the PALM was read and approved. The following committees were then appointed: Resolutions, Robert Guinther, Beta Mu; A. C. Dale, Alpha Psi, and R. S. Van Atta, Beta Omega. Nominations, Carl Bare, Beta Eta; W. H. Geiger, Alpha Nu, and W. A. Feather, Gamma Kappa.

The Province Chief then called for the reports of the different chapters. W. H. Geiger reported Alpha Nu in a most flourishing condition with nine active men and six pledges. They are holding down most of the good things at Mt. Union, so he said, for they had the majority on the baseball team of last year, the captain of this year's football eleven, four men on the basketball team, and the captain, manager, graduate manager and several other men on this year's baseball team. They are represented on the faculty and are strong socially. He spoke of their hosts of influential alumni and also of the \$200,000 endowment that Mt. Union has just received.

B. P. Thomas, speaking for Alpha Psi, reported them in the best condition they have been in for several years with nineteen

active men and two pledges. Their standing in athletics, social and moral lines, he said, was of the best and their outlook for next year is the best ever. They recently initiated ten men. They are strong financially with no debt, but a fund to draw from.

Bro. Potts then spoke for Beta Eta and reported them in fine condition, having fourteen initiates and two pledges. They are unusually well represented in the athletics of the college and are "holding their own socially." He contrasted Alpha Tau, at Wesleyan, with some of the larger fraternities and the conclusions were most favorable.

P. C. Bunn then spoke for Beta Mu and gave an excellent account of the Wooster boys. The chapter has twenty active men, including Coach St. John and Assistant Professor Caldwell, having recently initiated six men. They are represented in athletics by three football men, one basketball and six baseball, including the manager. Two of the men are instructing in the university, while many have won prizes and scholarships in class work and literary lines. The men are averaging ninety per cent. in their grades, an average of five per cent. over any fraternity in school. Giving due credit to "Uncle George" Schwartz, he reported the chapter flourishing socially. He spoke of the new house and house rules.

Beta Omega was next represented by R. S. Van Atta, who reported a flourishing chapter with twenty-two active men and two pledges, having initiated twelve men during the last year. Beta Omega has a man on the student council at Ohio State, one on the basketball team, two on this spring's baseball and three on next year's football team. They are strong socially holding special dinners every other week. He spoke of the strong alumni in Columbus.

W. A. Feather then reported Gamma Kappa as being especially strong this year in every branch of college activities at Reserve, having twenty-six active men. He reported three A. T. O's on the football team, three in baseball, one in basketball and three in track. He spoke on the excellent scholarship of the men and reported one Phi Beta Kappa out of every class. Their strength is shown by five men in the musical club, five in the dramatic club, the editor of the *Reserve Weekly* and other positions.

After short talks had been made by Bros. Schwartz, Caldwell, Beman and McKinney the method of keeping the annals was discussed. The card system was urged and most of the chapters reported as already using it. The financial system was also referred to and different plans were advanced. Beta Omega reported as appointing an assistant to the exchequer a year in advance of the time the present incumbent would leave. Bro. Eldredge then spoke on exemplifying the ritual and different customs used by the different chapters were given. In connection with this the pledging ceremony was urged on the men, and was reported to be in use at Wooster. Among other questions which came under consideration was the question of the affiliate, outlook for new men, letters of introduction, help from alumni, etc.

The Cleveland Alumni Association was represented by Bros. Thompson and Beman and was reported to be in a most flourishing condition with over one hundred members. He spoke of the death of Bro. Church. Bro. McKinney spoke for the Springfield Association and Allott for the Alliance Association, which reports were both most flattering and indicate the interest the alumni were taking in the active chapters. The meeting then closed and the brothers adjourned to the photographer's rooms located in the same building where the conclave picture was taken and after which dinner was served at Howald's Restaurant.

At nine o'clock an elegant seven-course banquet was served in the rooms of the Delicatessen Catering Company at which covers were laid for fifty. The Province Chief, E. F. Eldredge, acted as toastmaster, and he certainly was a good one. The following toasts were then responded to: "The Mystic Chain," P. C. Bunn, Beta Mu; "Bill the Bumper," R. S. Van Atta, Beta Omega; "De Nostra Amicitia," B. P. Thomas, Alpha Psi; "Why We Are Growing Stronger," W. A. Feather, Gamma Kappa; "Our Ritual," W. H. Geiger, Alpha Nu; "Nothing," J. F. Potts, Beta Eta; "Something Positive," Rev. Paul R. Hickok, W. G. C.

The Worthy Grand Chief in his toast impressed upon the men the value of meaning something more to Alpha Tau than mere numbers in the Register. It was a strong talk and supplemented in an ingenuous manner with the practical and humorous remarks of Bro. Potts. A number of those present were then

called upon for impromptu toasts, among whom were Lieut. W. H. Menges, Military Commandant; Bros. Lamar Beman, Thompson, Cleland, Schwartz, McKinney, Caldwell, Horde and others. After several small business matters had been adjusted the election of the officers for next year was announced and the banquet closed at a late hour, but none too late for those present. During the business session and also at the banquet the representatives from Beta Mu extended a cordial invitation for next year's conclave at Wooster, which was unanimously accepted. The slogan was *Vive la Wesleyan*, now it is "On to Wooster."

CARL S. JACKSON.

Delta Upsilon has adopted what we believe to be one of the most important pieces of policy for the fraternity system, and one that will contribute more to the advancement of any fraternity in the next ten years than most any other thing that can be named. Three other fraternities have had such a plan in operation for a number of years, and its value has been made clearly evident to the general fraternity world.

The average man has no idea of the volume of clerical and routine work that is demanded of the various officers of a fraternity. When it is borne in mind that these officers are busy men and must devote their few hours of leisure and recreation to this work, some conception of the burden imposed on them can be gained. This concentration of the routine and clerical work of the different offices in the hands of one man makes for greater efficiency and secures more satisfactory results. We believe that the fraternities which early adopt this plan will be the leaders of the Greek world. And it is in the next ten years that the real fraternity history will be made and the rank of the various fraternities established for all time.—*Rainbow*.

ALPHA TAUS IN FOOTBALL.

THIS year Alpha Tau Omega again has her gridiron stars, a constellation of whom she can well be proud. The new game has its ardent admirers and where speed, not weight, is necessary it has brought out a number of lighter men, who are shining in their respective positions. We look back with pride upon our old football stars, men of brawn and muscle, who risked life and limb in the mass plays of the old game. Our great players of to-day shine in the open field, in handling the forward pass and kicking the pigskin, a game which shows up individual work to greater advantage. But the fame of the old men still lives. At Kansas they still remember Alpha Brumage, one of the best men that ever played on a Jayhawk team, and W. D. Vincent, who were successively captains of the team. Cornell's gallery of athletes contains several football captains, strokes of the crews, captains of baseball and track teams, and champion all-around athletes. Pennsylvania boasts of some great football men and quite recently graduated Dwyer, an "All-American" candidate. Gamma Delta, at Brown University, was for many years known as the athletic fraternity because of the honors heaped upon it by its athletes, who were members of every athletic team. Minnesota Gamma Nu, in the six years of its existence, has had the football captain three times. No better Gophers ever donned a jersey than "Mose" Strathern and John Schuhknecht, both "All-Western" men. Chicago has its "Hal" Melford, "Fat" Handy, also a famous swimmer, and "Sherm" Finger. Wisconsin is proud of its "Chesty" Jones and "Cap." Johnson. Colorado, Nebraska, Maine, Vermont, Tulane, Georgia and Virginia have their gallery of football stars.

This year we find Alpha Taus the captains at Alabama, St. Lawrence, Mt. Union, Ohio Wesleyan, Southwestern Presbyterian University and the captain-elect for 1909 at Minnesota.

Two of the brightest stars in the Southern football firmament are members of the Beta Delta chapter at the University of Alabama. They are Henry Burks and Derrill Pratt. Walker Pratt, an excellent player, was unable to finish the season or there would undoubtedly have been a triumvirate.

Capt. Henry Burks must have inherited his football ability from his brother, Oxford Burks, who was for two years captain of Alabamas 'varsity, and considered the best football player in Dixie. Henry Burks plays tackle and was universally chosen as "All-Southern" tackle. He is a strapping big fellow weighing 185 lbs., and looks every inch a football player. When called upon to carry the ball he seldom failed to gain; as a matter of fact, in the Haskell Indian game he was the only man who could gain through their line and several times broke through for gains of from 15 to 25 yards. In reviewing the past season's record, the *Crimson and White* says: "Much of the season's success is due to the brilliant work of the individual players. Captain Henry Burks, who three years ago donned a crimson jersey for the first time, has established a reputation which few tackles in the history of Southern football have been able to make. His wonderful strength on defence and fierce attacks on offence have been a source of inspiration to the 'varsity. As a captain he has no superiors and as a tackle we crown him the best in the South.

"Derrill Pratt, a second year man, was setting the gridiron afire when the season ended. Pratt boots the oval hard and is about the most consistent punter in the South.

"Walker Pratt, who played in the early part of the season, held down left guard in great style. Walker is fast and possesses all the qualities of a good linesman."

Derrill Pratt's game at left half this year, has brought upon him much well deserved praise and thanks from the student body and the alumni of Alabama. He played end last year and has made his position each year on the "All-Southern" football team, besides being chosen on the "All-Southern" baseball team in 1908.

Alabama's schedule was very heavy this year and with but one defeat against them, the team, which was captained by Henry



TROYAN,
Manager,
Western Reserve.



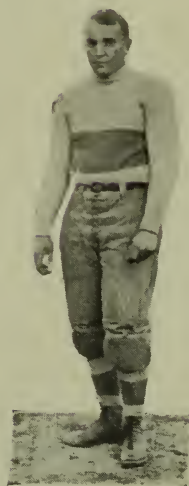
CORLETTE,
Fullback,
Western Reserve.



CAPTAIN POTTS,
Left halfback,
Ohio Wesleyan.



O'BRIEN,
Right halfback,
Mt. Union.



CAPTAIN SIEGRIEST,
Left end,
Mt. Union.

Burks and coached by Hamon, has added another chapter of success to Old Alabama's brilliant athletic history. The record of games is as follows:

Alabama, 26;	Metumka,	0.
Alabama, 17;	Howard College,	0.
Alabama, 16;	University of Cincinnati,	0.
Alabama, 6;	Georgia Tech,	11.
Alabama, 26;	Chattanooga University,	6.
Alabama, 6;	University of Georgia,	6.
Alabama, 9;	Haskell Indians,	8.
Alabama, 4;	University of Tennessee,	0.
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110;		31.

A little player of whom we are all proud is Clyde Tibbens. He first played football at Franklin High School, subsequently entering Washington and Jefferson Academy, where he held down tackle for one year, and next year captained the team from the half-back position. At the close of the season he was chosen for the "All-Scholastic team of Western Pennsylvania." This year he played half-back on the 'varsity, being the only member of the freshman class to make a regular position on the team. Although there is a considerable gap between preparatory and college football, "Tibby" experienced no difficulty in covering it and has been playing a phenomenal game on the 'varsity. He is a strong line plunger and one of the best men at taking off an end that ever played on a Wash. & Jeff. team. We have the statement of one of the members of the scrubs that "Tibby" is the best tackler that he ever felt. He says, "I can show you dumb wounds, which, had they tongues, could tell you how he plugs holes in the line." This year he was picked as the best half-back in the state, outside the University of Pennsylvania team. E. M. Thiery, of the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*, in making his selection, says: "Tibbens, of W. & J., for a freshman, has shown remarkable form. He not only carries the ball well, but he is a tower of strength on secondary defence. In getting down the field he shines. When Duffy kicked for W. & J., Tibbens went down to cover them and did the work in great fashion. When he reaches

his man he downs him in his tracks, sure and hard." Great things are expected of "Tibby" in the coming three years and it is safe to say that we will hear more of his athletic achievements.

On the team of Gettysburg College, this year we have Norman G. Phillipy, while R. E. Brumbaugh is head coach, and R. F. Topper is assistant coach. Brumbaugh and Topper are members of the famous 1907 team, which lost no games and tied University of Pennsylvania, 6-6. The distinction of being the first to score on the U. of P. this year belongs to Phillipy, who made a field goal from the 40-yard line. He plays quarter-back and is considered one of the best Gettysburg has had in many years. A heady, snappy player at all times, he runs the team in superior style. As a kicker he is above par and in this, his last season on the team, he has played a game that makes him the pride of Gettysburg and Alpha Upsilon.

The record for the largest number of men on their team belongs to the Alpha Iota chapter at Muhlenberg College. With four regulars and four substitutes on the team, and Edgar Nonnemacher as manager, it shows that Alpha Iota is doing things in football. The Alpha Tau line-up is as follows: Bossard, center; Aberly, full-back; Reed, left tackle; Shupp, right end; Bennett, sub. left end; Fasig, sub. right half-back; Keck, sub. right end; Fink, sub. left end.

James H. S. Bossard is a junior, and has played on the team for two years at center. He is 5 ft. 11 in. high and weighs 155 lbs. Inasmuch as it shows the regard of the coaches for Bossard's playing we quote this sentence of Dr. A. S. Bull, University of Pennsylvania's "All-American" center of '95, to an intimate friend in speaking of the Muhlenberg-Indian game: "At center, Bossard played the best game I ever saw a man of his weight play." His passing of the ball stands out as an example of his consistent, steady playing. In receiving passes for kicks, the full-back never has to wonder, or fear how he will receive the ball, for it comes back swift and straight as an arrow. With the exception of his first game this year he has not made a poor pass in two seasons. On kicks he was down the field with the ends, and was able several times to recover his own side punts when fumbled by the opponents. On the defensive he played a full

two yards back of the line and was particularly good in intercepting short forward passes, and breaking up end runs. In several of the hard games, under the instruction of the coaches, the defence of his position was neglected in favor of the end plays. Being an active man and a sure tackler, the man with the ball was left to him, while the half-back and end took care of the interference. He follows the ball closely, is ever on the alert and by reason of this fact has been fortunate on many occasions in recovering the ball on fumbles at critical moments.

John Aberly, a member of the sophomore class, has played but one year on the team. With a handicap of weight he has played an excellent game at full-back, and has made every pound count. He has done the punting for the team all season, and played back to receive punts on the defensive. In running back punts he is at his best and often brings them back twenty-five yards.

Paul M. Reed is one of the best tackles Muhlenberg has had in many years. His strong point is his ability to break through and tackle his opponent behind the line, and on the offensive to open wide gaps in the opposing line. He is a short, heavy set fellow and plays a gritty, spirited game of football. He has one more year to play and will undoubtedly cover himself with glory in 1909.

Roy Shupp, '10, played his first year on the team in the later games of the season. His improvement has been rapid and he is expected to make a strong man in the coming two years.

All of the regulars have from one to two more years to play and with the four substitutes in the freshman class we will hope to see Muhlenberg's football team made up of eight Alpha Taus next year.

New York Alpha Omicron, at St. Lawrence University, has a most enviable athletic reputation. Since the introduction of football about twenty years ago the chapter has had the football captain fifteen times, besides having two or three men on the team each year. Likewise in other branches of athletics the honor of captain has fallen to the chapter many times. This year Alexander Calder is captain and full-back. Calder stands head and shoulders above the rest of the team in football ability,



BOSSARD,
Center,
Muhlenberg.



ABERLY,
Fullback,
Muhlenberg.



PHILLIPY,
Quarterback,
Gettysburg.



REED,
Left tackle,
Muhlenberg.



SHUPP,
Right halfback,
Muhlenberg.

he knows the game with all its intricate details and the team has the utmost confidence in his judgment. Though weighing only 160 lbs., he is a Hercules in strength and is said to be able to run the length of the field in 11 2-5 seconds with his football togs on. Being both fleet of foot and a clever dodger, he has no equal in Northern New York as an open field runner. No other man on the team can handle the forward pass and get away with it, the way he does. He usually receives the ball on the kick off and has several times brought it back to the center of the field. His long end runs and line plunges are equally effective, when yards are needed. St. Lawrence is proud of its team this year and of its admirable captain. Calder was also captain of the basketball team and has won his L in football, track and basketball with the star of distinction.

At Western Reserve University there were four Alpha Taus connected with the team, which may be responsible for the success of Reserve's football season. Her schedule was hard but at the end of the season none could say that she was not champion of the state. Case, Oberlin, Ohio State and the strong team from Washington and Jefferson, at Washington, Pa., were all humbled. The only defeat was received at the hands of Kenyon College, when a lucky goal from the field gave Kenyon the game by the score of 4-0. The ball hit one of the goal posts, then fell down on the bar and dropped on the inside. The record of the team follows:

Western Reserve, 29;	Baldwin University,	0.
Western Reserve, 11;	Wash. and Jeff.,	0.
Western Reserve, 16;	Wooster University,	4.
Western Reserve, 18;	Ohio State University,	0.
Western Reserve, 0;	Kenyon,	4.
Western Reserve, 30;	Hiram College,	0.
Western Reserve, 12;	Oberlin,	5.
Western Reserve, 11;	Demson University,	0.
Western Reserve, 54;	Heidelberg,	0.
Western Reserve, 11;	Case,	7.



STRUCK,
Right end,
Rose Poly.



WEBSTER,
Left halfback,
Rose Poly.



HOFFNER,
Fullback,
Rose Poly.



PRATT,
Fullback,
Alabama.



CAPTAIN BURKS'
Tackle,
Alabama.

The team was managed by Henry A Troyan. The men on the team were Thos. N. Corlette, full-back; Raymond Bamey, right half-back, and William Beck, right guard. Corlette and Bamey were awarded their R's; Beck, though a regular, did not participate in enough games to win the coveted letter. Corlette was mentioned for the "All-Ohio team," his position not being secure because of being out the first games of the season on account of a sprained ankle. Bamey was the lightest half-back, but the speediest football player in the state. When carrying the ball around the ends and dodging in the open field, he has no equal in the state. He runs the 100 in 10 seconds and is this year captain of the track team.

All the members on the team are juniors and with them as a nucleus for next year's team, we will undoubtedly see the championship banner flying at Reserve again.

E. R. Boone and H. W. Ward have kept Alpha Tau's banner flying high at Union University, Tennessee. This school held the strong Southwestern Presbyterian University to the low score of 8-0. S. W. P. U., had previously played Vanderbilt and lost only by the score of 11-6, and had beaten Mississippi Agriculture and Mechanical College, 6-5, and University of Mississippi, 9-5. Boone has played left tackle for three years on the regulars and is perhaps the best all-around player on the team. He has plenty of weight behind him and has repeatedly broken through his opponents' line and tackled their players for losses of five yards or more. On defensive he plays wide but gets into every play. Ward was left guard two years ago. Last year he was prevented from playing on account of sickness, but this year made full-back easily, although he had several heavier candidates opposing him. He weighs only 140 pounds but made his place on the team by reason of his sure tackling and the way he hits the line.

Ohio Alpha Nu, at Mt. Union College, again has her full quota of football men. This year they are Louis W. Siegrist, captain and left end; W. B. Wallace, left half-back, and Geo. O'Brien, a pledged man, right half-back. Capt. Siegrist is a brilliant player, one of those men who play football by instinct. He played the game for four years at the East High School, of

Cleveland, and played on the Mt. Union team in his freshman year. In this, his third year on the team, he was chosen captain. He is a rather heavy man but is very nimble on his feet. Always on the alert, he always knows where the play is going and has never been circled by being drawn in on an opponents' end play. He is an admirable captain, being tactful and untiring. His consistent, faultless playing has won him the unreserved confidence of his team mates. W. B. Wallace is a strong man-at left half-back. He hits the line hard and can always be depended upon for the best there is in him. He follows the ball all the time and with his 188 pounds helps greatly on interference. George O'Brien also comes from East High School, and is now playing his second year of football. As a kicker he has no equals in the State of Ohio. Two games this year were won by his kicking alone. In the game with Alleghany College, the score was 6-0 in Alleghany's favor at the end of the first half, but O'Brien came back in the second and made a beautiful place kick from the 45-yard line, which he followed in a few minutes with another from the 51-yard line, in scrimmage, thus winning the game by the score of 8-6. He is a scrappy, intelligent player at all times and is a valuable man on the team.

Mt. Union's football record last year will stand as a record. Though defeated twice they scored 265 points to their opponents' 23.

In looking over the promising material throughout the country for an All-Alpha Tau football team, there is one man who ought not to be overlooked—a half-back from the Middle West, who in the eyes of the Ohio men who have the dope, is one of the best players in the state. This man is J. Fred Potts from Ohio Beta Eta. As captain and left half-back of the Ohio Wesleyan football team during the past season, he proved himself the individual star of the year. His bulldog attacks and line smashing plunges made him a hero forever at Delaware, while his consistent defensive playing was wonderful. In the latter he was acknowledged by coaches, papers and players alike as the headiest defensive player and the hardest tackler in the State Conference, and his brilliant offensive bucks and speedy end runs gained him half the sum total of yards gained during

the entire season by the whole team. Despite his serious injury and the mediocre material behind him he was picked by three of the most prominent and reliable Ohio coaches for a half-back position on the All-Ohio team. Bemis Pierce, Kenyon's famous Carlisle Indian coach, said that without a doubt Potts was the best half-back he had seen in the West.

Potts is twenty-two years old, weighs one hundred and sixty-five pounds, is five feet, seven inches high and has played with Wesleyan as a regular for four years. Owing to a severe injury on the knee he was absent from two out of the three Conference games that Wesleyan lost this season. As a punter he ranks among the best in the state and his cool-headedness in crises has pulled his team out of holes too numerous to mention. Taking it all in all, as captain of the team representing one of the largest schools in Ohio and as an All-State player, he certainly deserves notice and would make good anywhere in the backfield.

Simpson College, Iowa, has an unbroken record of victories this year and was scored on only in the last game of the season against Kirkville. This school has put up a scrappy game of football and has defeated every championship aspirant among the smaller schools in the state. J. W. Billingsley has played quarter-back during the greater part of the season altho' he began the season at half. He is a rather light man but fast on his feet, which makes him particularly good at running back punts, a clever dodger and good open-field runner. He is a member of the junior class and next year will see him in his football togs again.

In the Missouri Valley, the football team of Iowa State College is coming rapidly to the fore. Among its star athletes we find Phil Reppert. On the football field he plays like a tiger, but as you see him every day he has the happy humorous disposition that has made him universally popular. He is a player of wonderful endurance and pluck, and the best man at taking off an end in the Missouri Valley. His tackles are fierce and fatal, and when he tackled the famous Capt. Kirk, of Iowa, last year, Kirk felt so bad that he retired from the game. During this season he has played the end position where he was shifted from full-back. He plays a star game at both positions and is considered the best defensive player Ames has ever had. He



CAPTAIN CALDER,
Left halfback,
St. Lawrence.



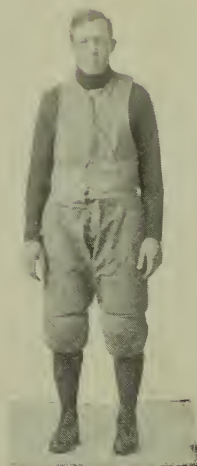
BILLINGSLEY,
Quarterback,
Simpson.



STIEHM,
Center,
Wisconsin.



McGOVERN,
Quarterback,
(Captain 1910)
Minnesota.



REPERT,
Left end,
Ames.

has won three football A's while at college and was given the full-back position on the "All-Iowa" team in 1906; in 1907 he was placed on the "All-Missouri Valley" team and mentioned for second place on the "All-Western." In addition to his work on the gridiron he has been a member of the 'varsity track team for two years and captained the best fraternity baseball team from the catcher's position. On next year's team we will find T. K. Willet, who was ineligible this year, because of having played last year with Grimwell College.

Ames had several hard games on its schedule and was defeated but twice by a small margin. Minnesota was victor by the score of 15-10 and Nebraska by the score of 23-17. Ames is a rapidly growing Engineering School and its athletic teams have been recognized by the Western Conference. It sent a team to the Conference track meet last year and we will hope to see its football teams in games with Wisconsin and Chicago before long.

At Minnesota Gamma Nu they have the stuff of which football captains are made. This chapter has always had a man or two on the 'varsity and three times in the last six years it has had the captain. The third one is "Johnnie" McGovern—everybody calls him "Johnnie"—and "Johnnie" will show them at the end of the next football season that he is entitled to rank with his illustrious brothers, Moses Strathern and John Schuhknecht. "Johnnie" is one of Minnesota's own—the kind that never quits and when at the end of this football season he was elected captain for 1909, his election was greeted with rejoicing, for he was the popular choice even with such stars as Johnston, Rademacher and Young on the team. When he runs the team from the quarter-back position next year, Minnesota will be in the running for championship laurels, for McGovern is a great field general; he combines speed, intelligence and tact in such a way as to make him an inspiration to his team mates. He is a plucky, clever, little player and so full of the never-die spirit that he instills the same enthusiasm into the other players. At the beginning of the season he played half back, but was later shifted to quarter and ran the team from that position. Minnesota's football career was somewhat of a disappointment this year up to the last game. Defeated by Wisconsin and Chicago, and tied by Nebraska, she wound up the season in glorious style by defeating the Carlisle Indians by the



ARMENTROUT,
Right halfback,
Washington and Lee.



TIBBENS,
Right halfback,
W. & J.



McNEILL,
Halfback,
North Carolina.



BOONE,
Left tackle,
Union.



WARD,
Fullback,
Union.

score of 11-6 and the ball was on the Indians' 6-inch line when the last whistle blew. McGovern's work throughout the season was uniformly excellent, but it was in the Carlisle game that he distinguished himself by his skillful handling of the forward pass, his clever execution of fake plays and the successful circling of the ends. "Johnnie" is but a little fellow and his size was of great value to him, for his opponents seemed to be unable to locate him. Next year will be his last and when he lines his team up against Chicago and Wisconsin in the championship battles, we can trust him to show them as hard a game of football as any team cares to have.

The best known player among Alpha Taus this year is Ewald O. Stiehm, Wisconsin's star center. He is but a wee bit of a fellow, six feet, four inches in height and weighs 198 lbs., so they call him "Jumbo." Stiehm is an adept at the new game of football and even though he was placed second to Schultz, of Michigan, this year, on the "All-Western," most of the critics will admit that as an exponent of the new style of play, he stands first. Stiehm entered the university from the Fort Atkinson High School, which, for many years, has held good claim to the state High School championship. He played center on the 1905 freshman team, which won the Western championship by defeating the freshman teams of Minnesota and Chicago. "Jumbo" was a comer from the start, and made the regulars in his second year, with ease, and every year since. For three years he has been the center of Wisconsin's powerful line of beef and brawn. When playing close on defensive, he is apt to be spectacular at times by going over the opposing center and pulling down the man just receiving the ball from the quarterback. When playing some three yards back, he covers the whole line from end to end, stopping the bucks through center, intercepting forward passes and breaking up the interference on end runs. At blocking kicks he has no equal on the team, he breaks through every time and has the size to stop them. On the offensive he passes the ball sure and swift, and opens wide gaps in the opposing line for the Cardinal backs.

This was Stiehm's last year in football and at the close of this school year his Intercollegiate athletic career will be brought to a close. Each year since making the 'varsity he has received

second mention on all "All-Western" teams and occasionally a first, on account of the skill with which he plays the new style of football. In the Minnesota game this year his playing against Safford was closely watched, as Safford was mentioned first among centers two years ago, and in the opinion of the press he outplayed the Gopher. In basketball he stands second to Schommer, of Chicago, the greatest center in the United States. Stiehm has made three football W's, three basketball W's and last year won the individual tennis championship of the university.

After defeating Lawrence University, Marquette University, University of Indiana and University of Minnesota, Wisconsin met Chicago's undefeated team, to battle for the championship of the West. Madison was never so football mad, for never was the result of a game so much in doubt. When the wonderful Steffen, of Chicago, ran 100 yards through the whole Wisconsin team for a touchdown, on the first kick off, it seemed as though it would be a walkaway for Chicago, but this was not the case. After that, in one of the most spectacular games ever seen, each team got two touchdowns and two goals, but Chicago had the championship by the score of 18-12.

This does not complete the list of Alpha Taus playing on college teams. At North Carolina there is T. O. McNeill, Jr., left half-back, who was for three years the star in every game he played, and who ran 75 yards in the first game of the season for a touchdown; W. C. Armentrout, right half-back on the 'varsity of Washington and Lee University; W. H. Webster, left half-back; Clyde Hoffner, full-back; and C. W. Struck, right end, of Rose Polytechnic Institute. Nearly every chapter has some of its men on the squad. It is interesting to note that about 60 per cent. of those mentioned are playing full-back or half-back, and 75 per cent behind the line.

The material in the chapters at present gives promise of greater things in football. The Michigan, Cornell, Brown, Tufts, Maine, Colorado and Nebraska chapters will again have members on the team next year. The fraternity will watch with interest what its men are doing in the game of football, that real American college sport, which stirs your blood when your alma mater's team is struggling for supremacy; that powerful magnet which draws you back to the old college town and to your chapter.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

THE INSTALLATION OF KENTUCKY MU IOTA.

NO MORE enjoyable way of celebrating Washington's Birthday could have been found than to install the new chapter at Kentucky State University. The sky had been overcast for weeks with intermittent rain storms, but when the Alpha Taus came to town everything brightened up, and Nature was never more kind. To us Northerners, who had just left a land covered with ice and snow, the sight of fields of green grass, or rather "blue grass" was a pleasant change. We came to Lexington and spent two of the best days in our lives there.

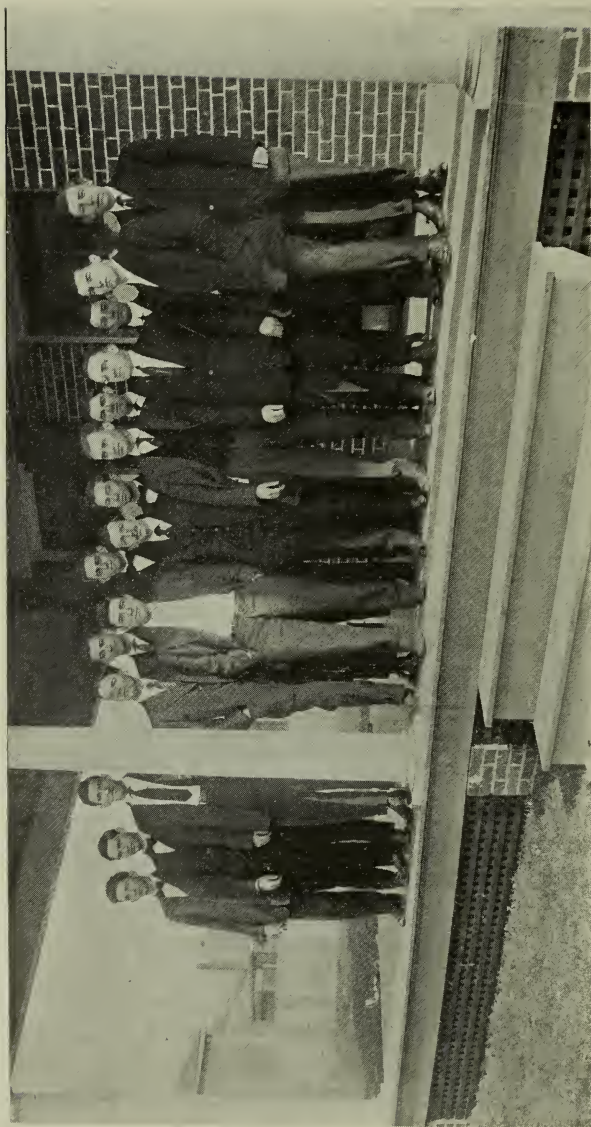
Immediately upon arriving we were driven to the coziest little frat house in town, where formal introductions were hurriedly gone through and in a few minutes we knew one another by our nick-names. We were among friends. One who has never visited Kentucky can have but a poor idea of Kentucky hospitality. You have all read of Kentucky hospitality, but you should try Alpha Tau Kentucky hospitality and you will find there is none better. During Sunday afternoon we strolled around the university campus with the Mu Iota boys and visited points of interest in the city. The evening was spent in calling on Kentucky belles and here again we say that there are none fairer.

Monday morning was devoted to the preparation for the event which had brought us together. The Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Worthy Grand Chief, Robt. W. Bingham, ex-Mayor of Louisville, "Uncle" George Schwartz and H. W. Jervy, Chief of Province VII, were met at trains, and in an executive session the details of the initiation were arranged. Due to a mistake in sending out announcements of the installation, a large number who were expecting to come, were unable to arrive in time. As a result there were there, besides the above mentioned, only we four, Prof. J. H. Vosskuehler, Geo. H. Lantz, Edwin F. Gruhl and H. L. Blankenburg, of Wisconsin Gamma Tau. Early in the afternoon the work of putting the new men through was begun. By five o'clock the mysteries had been explained to twenty-two good men, and we rejoiced in the hand clasp of brothers. With some lusty "Ruh! Rah! Rega's!" we returned to the Alpha Tau Omega house to prepare for the reception and banquet.

Robt. W. Bingham was the installing officer. Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Geo. J. Schwartz and J. H. Vosskuehler are named as founders. The following men were initiated: Alumni, Prof. L. E. Nollan, of Lexington; S. L. Harding, of London; J. W. Gilbert, of Owensboro; J. W. Coons, of Mt. Sterling; E. C. Wurtele, Prof. Geo. Frazee and Wallace Newberger, of Louisville; Active members, F. F. Chambers, C. D. Wells, A. W. King, George Becker, C. C. Mayhall, A. E. Ewan, A. S. Winston, Jr.; P. B. Blakemore, W. C. Fox, R. M. Hailey, W. A. Wallace, J. M. Foster, C. T. Daugherty, C. R. Harned and B. F. Robinson. By special arrangement the new chapter is called Mu Iota. A long existence as a local has made the members so attached to the local name, that this departure from our rule for naming chapters is excusable. The fellows were exceedingly happy when they found that their local name had been retained as their chapter name.

Following the initiation and preceding the banquet, a reception was held at the chapter house for the friends of the chapter. We can not pass over this event without mentioning the extreme friendliness existing between the Alpha Taus and both the faculty and the student body. A faculty man mentioned that no fraternity ranked higher either in scholarship or in society, than the Mu Iota boys. A member of another fraternity congratulated us upon getting such a fine lot of fellows and the very same opinion was expressed by a non-fraternity man.

Words can not describe the spirit that prevailed at the banquet. " 'Tis always fair weather when good fellows get together," and there were thirty-two good fellows seated around that banquet table. By a late afternoon train there arrived J. C. Blue and T. C. Main, of Ohio Wesleyan. Unfortunately Bro. Bingham was compelled to return to Louisville before the banquet and we were thus deprived of his response to the toast, "The Fraternity World." The banquet was gold and blue from start to finish. The table was decorated with white tea roses, and gold and blue ribbons. The cakes had a frosting worked out in the design of an Alpha Tau Omega pin. The mints and ice cream were gold and blue. The cigarettes were stamped Alpha Tau Omega in gold and Bro. Blue completed the color scheme. Seven very able responses were made to toasts and



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between the speeches college and fraternity yells rang through the dining hall. At midnight the prandial festivities were brought to an end but the night was still young. The Grand Conclave of the Shriners were holding a dance in the same hotel and upon their invitation we adjourned to the ball room where we danced till the "wee sma' hours." Before leaving the hotel, however, a "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" rang through the corridors that must have wakened many a sound sleeper. The Shriners and their friends knew a good frat yell when they heard one and loudly encored it. Then with a good night song we left, arm in arm, for the chapter house. On such a night sleep was out of the question and we sat around for a long time talking it over, and enjoying the spiritual companionship that the previous day's initiation had given us. A few short hours of sleep were snatched from the day's beginning and with a crowd to see us off we left again for the chilly north and we have talked of nothing but Kentucky since.

Under the heading "Alpha Tau Omega" the following appeared in the Lexington paper: "The establishing of the Mu Iota chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in the State University of Kentucky marks a new era in the educational awakening of Kentucky. This fraternity is one of the strongest and most conservative of national college fraternities and by establishing this chapter in the largest educational institution in the state, recognizes the fact that Kentucky State University is among the foremost, and they have placed the charter in the hands of the strongest fraternity at the University," and then follows a short account of the installation.

To have ushered a body of fine young men into the larger sphere of fraternity life is a pleasure which those who have never enjoyed it can not realize. After eight years of waiting the realization of their fondest hopes must have seemed equally sweet to the new initiates. We take off our hats to the Mu Iota chapter, for no truer Alpha Taus are living. The work of the alumni and the type of men now in the chapter show that the ideals of the chapter have always been to bring out all that is good and true in a man. Here's success to Mu Iota.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALPHA TAU.

AGRICULTURAL and mechanical colleges in the United States owe their origin to an act of Congress entitled "An Act Donating Public Lands to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," approved July. 2, 1862. The amount of land donated was 30,000 acres for each representative in the National Congress. Under this allotment, Kentucky received 330,000 acres. Several years elapsed before the Commonwealth established an Agricultural and Mechanical College under this act. When established it was not placed upon an independent basis, but was made one of the colleges of Kentucky University, to which institution the annual interest of the proceeds of the Congressional land-grant was to be given for the purpose of carrying on its operations.

January 18, 1865, the General Assembly of Kentucky having accepted the State portion under the conditions prescribed, established the Agricultural and Mechanical College, making it one of the colleges of Kentucky University, then recently united with Transylvania University and located at Lexington, citizens of Lexington and its vicinity donating \$110,000 to the curators of the university to buy a site for the college. The General Assembly having authorized the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell the 330,000 acres apportioned to Kentucky, by the mismanagement of the Commissioners' agent, the State realized for its land only \$165,000.

The city of Lexington offered to the Commission (which was also authorized to recommend to the General Assembly the place which, all things considered, offered the best and greatest inducements for the future and permanent location of the college) the city park containing fifty-two acres of land within the limits of the city, and thirty thousand dollars of city bonds for the erection of buildings. This offer the county of Fayette supplemented by twenty thousand dollars in county bonds, to be used either



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for the erection of buildings or for the purchase of land. The offers of Lexington and the county of Fayette were accepted by the General Assembly.

By the act of incorporation and the amendments thereto constituting the charter of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky, liberal provision is made for educating free of tuition the energetic young men and women of the Commonwealth whose means are limited. The past General Assembly of Kentucky passed an act which was approved March 16, 1908, changing the style and title of the institution from "Agricultural and Mechanical College" to that of "State University," the official designation by which it is now known. The university with the additional departments which shall from time to time be opened as the means, placed at the disposal of the Trustees allow, will, it is hoped, in the not distant future, do a great work in advancing the educational interests of Kentucky. Being entirely undenominational in its character, it appeals with confidence to the people of all creeds and of no creed, and will endeavor in strict conformity with the requirements of its organic law, to afford equal advantages to all, exclusive privileges to none. The liberality of the Commonwealth in supplementing the inadequate annual income arising from the proceeds of the land-scrip invested in State bonds, has enabled the Trustees to begin and carry on upon a scale commensurate with the wants of our people, the operations of the institution whose management and oversight have been committed to them by the General Assembly of Kentucky.

In the act of Congress making provision of the class of institution to which the State University belongs, it is declared "that their leading object shall be without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactics to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and of professional life." To the three departments of agriculture, the mechanic arts and military science, contemplated in the act as indispensable, an Experiment Station has been added by the United States, while liberal provision has been made for instruc-

tion in all branches of science and in the classics so that this institution is far more than an agricultural and mechanical college, embracing as it does not merely the three original departments, but eighteen others.

The State University is located in the former city park in the southern part of Lexington and near the Cincinnati Southern Railway. The site is elevated and commands a good view of much of the city and of the surrounding country.

Lexington, now a growing city of forty thousand inhabitants, is in the far-famed Bluegrass region, a region distinguished for fertility and healthfulness, wealth and beauty. Numerous schools and churches, an intelligent and refined population, well paved streets, handsome buildings, extensive water works, and an unsurpassed system of street electric railways, make Lexington attractive as a seat of learning and place of residence, while the splendid stock farms scattered over the large body of fertile country around it, afford advantages hardly equaled elsewhere for the student who desires to become familiar with the best breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and swine in America. Moreover with railroads diverging in seven directions, Lexington is the railroad center in Kentucky, and in direct connection with Louisville, Cincinnati, Maysville, Huntington and Chattanooga, and with more than seventy counties of the Commonwealth. And when to the electric railways now in operation, to Georgetown, Paris, Versailles, and Frankfort those projected to Winchester, Richmond, and Nicholasville shall be added, the hourly trains of these roads will enable students residing near them to attend the university conveniently from their homes.

The campus of the university consists of fifty-two acres of land located within the corporate limits of Lexington. The South Limestone electric car line extends along the western border of the campus, affording opportunity to reach in a few minutes any part of the city. The campus is laid out in walks, drives and lawns, and is planted with a choice variety of native and exotic trees and shrubs, to which additions are constantly being made. Two and a half acres forming the northeast portion of the campus, inclosed and provided with a grand-stand, are devoted to the field sports of the students.



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About three-quarters of a mile south of the campus on the Nicholasville pike, is the Experiment Station farm consisting of two hundred and forty-three acres. Here the field experiments of the station are conducted and students have opportunities to witness fertilizer tests, fruit spraying tests; in short, all the scientific experimentation of a thoroughly organized station. The front of the farm is pasture and orchard. The rear portion is divided off into two hundred one-tenth acre plots, for convenience in making crop tests.

Beginning in 1882 with two buildings—college and dormitory—the university has grown to fifteen large and well-equipped buildings, besides numerous small structures. Among the larger buildings are the Main Building, Chemical Building, Mechanical Hall, Gymnasium Building, Science Hall, Alumni Hall, Education Building, Library, Agricultural Hall, Experiment Station Building, Patterson Hall, and the two Dormitories.

Before 1880 the university had six professors; it now has seventeen professors and thirty-seven assistants.

No fact more distinctly marks the growth of the university than the increase in the number of its graduates. More students have been graduated during the last three years than were graduated during the first thirty. Such healthful growth indicates the fact that Kentucky will have soon established a State University, that will compare favorably in every respect with those of her wealthier sister states.

Not only has the university made great advancement along material lines and in the quantity of students, but what is more important, in the quality of its graduates. For many years past there has been a constant advance in the curriculum of each department, thus raising the entrance requirements to a higher and higher standard.

Athletics have never been on a higher plane than they are at present. The management of athletics by the students is vested in an athletic association formed by the union of the football, basketball, baseball, and track athletic societies. The officers of these sub-organizations constitute the managing board of the athletic association. The control of athletics by the faculty is secured through their committee on athletics.

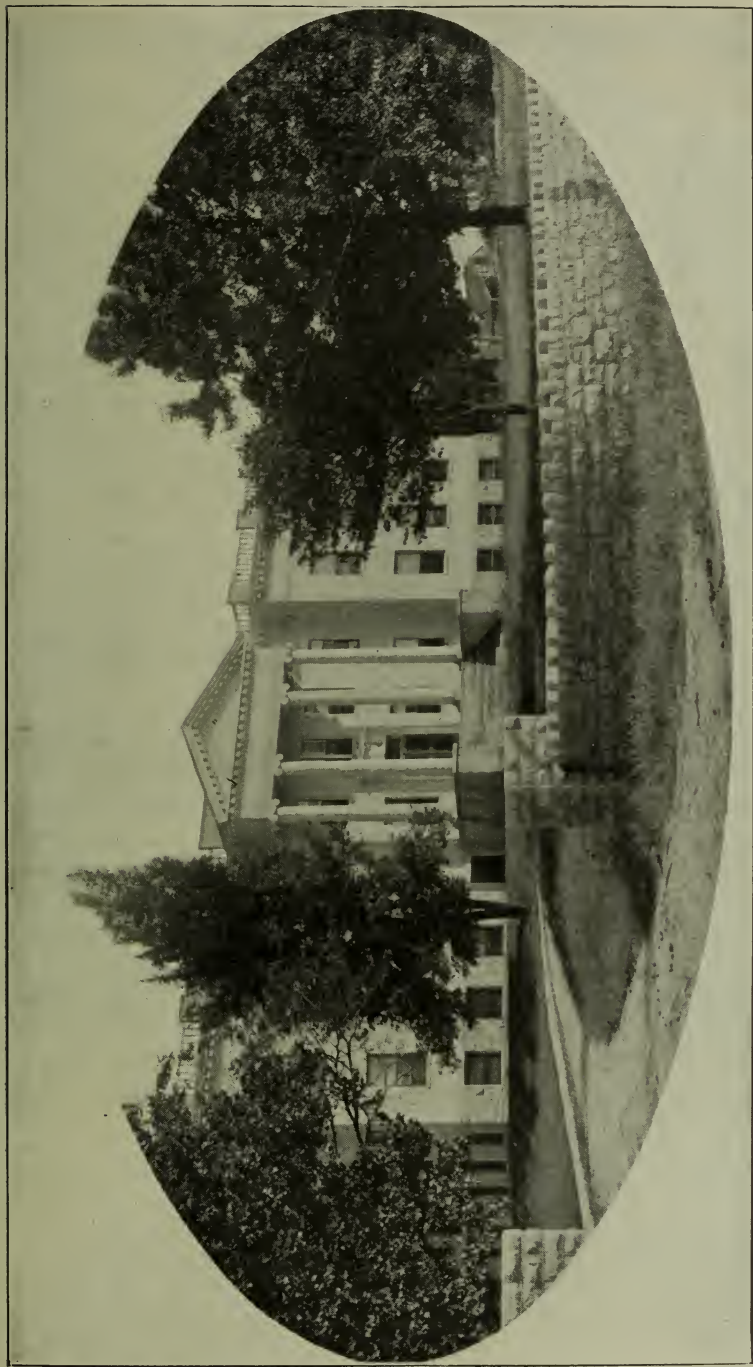
State University has held the championship in baseball for the last three years; the football championship for the last two years and has every intention of keeping it. The gymnasium team has not been defeated for three years and we have made a good showing in basketball and on the track.

In the way of literary and other associations the university is not lacking. The five literary societies, viz.:—Union, Patterson, Horace Mann, Philosophian and Neville furnish ample material for our debating team which won the championship last year, the university being a member of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Debating Association. This championship speaks well for the team, and the success of the team reflects the progress and strength of the university in the field of public speaking, the five judges having given a unanimous vote. Besides the literary societies, we ought to mention the Y. M. C. A., Brooks Engineering Society, Chemical Society, Agricultural and Mining Society.

There are nine national fraternities represented in the university, including Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering fraternity, the local chapter being the only one south of the Ohio River; Kappa Alpha, established in 1893; Sigma Chi, established 1893; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, established 1901; Phi Delta Theta, established 1901; Pi Kappa Alpha, established 1901; Sigma Nu, established 1902; Alpha Tau Omega, established 1909; and the honorary fraternity of Tau Beta Pi, established 1902. There are three secret class societies, the Lamp and Cross, Mystic Thirteen, and the Keys. The first named being the senior society, the latter two, the junior and sophomore, respectively.

The establishing of the Kentucky Mu Iota chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has caused an awakening in Pan-Hellenic circles. The new chapter has caught the true spirit of Alpha Tau and is leading all other Greeks, which enviable position it promises to hold. Though the baby chapter, we are the huskiest youngster the Greeks here have ever met.

We are ably represented in nearly every department of university life. We ought to mention a few specific cases, merely as a matter of interest: Bros. Fox and Foster in football; Fox (Cap.), Chambers (Mgr.), and Mayhall in basketball; Daugherty and Foster in baseball; and Ewan, Fox, Mayhall and Wells



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on the track. On the college publications we are represented by Bro. King, who is advertising manager for the *Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Record*, a monthly publication; Fox and Wells on the *Transit*, a monthly published by the Civil Engineering department; and Chambers, Blakemore and Becker on *The Idea*, a weekly published by the students of the university. Several brothers hold offices in the various organizations of the university; Wells being secretary and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A.; Fox, president of the Brooks Engineering Society; Becker, secretary and treasurer of the Agricultural Society, and member of the Glee Club and Quartette. We expect to continue to lead in these various activities of university life and keep ourselves before the public, as well as the student body, by entertaining the ladies, as well as the gentlemen.

We now take this opportunity of extending to all sojourning Alpha Taus, a cordial invitation to taste the true Southern hospitality as shown by the Kentucky Mu Iota.

LOUIS E. NOLLAN.

Membership in a fraternity should not make a man any more extravagant. It does not have this effect upon the men who take it seriously, and who are willing to do the work that will make it possible for them to have every benefit; yet there is a tendency in some chapters to show a preference for the men who can afford to indulge themselves, thereby making it uncomfortable for those whose means are moderate—all this for what they call "a good showing." Some of the best men happen to be among those who can afford to have whatever they want; still it is not their wealth which makes them good fellows—they are naturally of the right kind of stuff, and they would be just as good without their money. The danger lies in looking for what a man has, rather than for what he is.—*Record*.

THE HALL OF FAME.

MEN WHO HAVE DONE THINGS FOR A. T. O.*

H. L. BLANKENBURG (Wis. Gamma Tau).

HERBERT L. BLANKENBURG, who joins the PALM editorial staff with this number, is a product of the rising Alpha Tau generation. Initiated at Wisconsin soon after the establishment of that chapter he readily caught the idea of the fraternity and since then has made himself one of the most useful members of his chapter.

The Wisconsin bunch is one of the most wide-awake chapters in the fraternity. No chapter excels it in its methods of transacting business and none can equal its manner of keeping records, answering correspondence and attending to the thousand and one details necessary for the proper safe-guarding of a chapter's welfare. This work is ably performed by men like Blankenburg who have made Wisconsin strong and whose influence will eventually exert itself throughout the entire fraternity. Wisconsin has already earned some distinction at the hands of the fraternity and this slight token of the PALM's esteem is but a forerunner of the honors that must inevitably follow if she consistently pursues her present course.



*A department devoted to short sketches of unofficial Alpha Taus who have done or are doing the fraternity's work. Designed as a recognition of worthy service and as a contribution to the historical data of the fraternity.

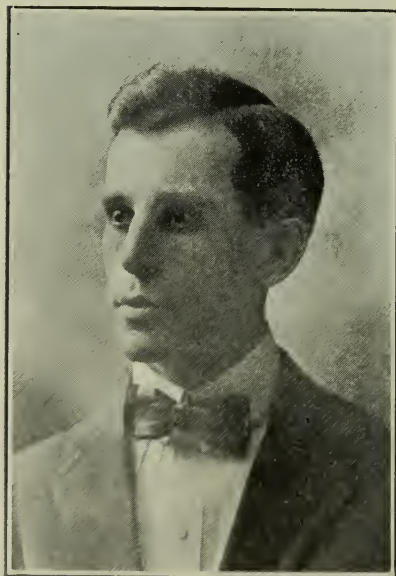
Blankenburg is a little man with a big brain. He is a plodder, a digger, a plugger. His knack of discovering out-of-the-way information and putting it to practical use is astounding. His patience is best illustrated by the fact that, alone and unassisted, he has compiled a list of the Alpha Taus mentioned in "Who's Who in America." No task for the fraternity is too hard and the self-imposed labors performed by him have more than earned for him his present position.

Brother Blankenburg will assist us in a general capacity and will, no doubt, prepare from time to time sketches similar to the one by him in this issue. "Alpha Taus in Football" will be followed by others showing the activity of our men in other branches of collegiate endeavor.



EDGAR G. JONES (Ind. Gamma Gamma).

Beyond all doubt the hardest working individual at the Pittsburgh Congress was BROTHER EDGAR G. JONES, the official stenographer of the sessions. Learning that the Worthy Grand



Chief desired a stenographic report of the proceedings, Brother Jones volunteered to furnish it and during the entire Congress he was constantly busy. Not only did he take notes of the various debates, but he likewise reported the speeches at the public exercises and at the banquet. How well he performed his duties the transcriptions alone will tell.

Brother Jones is an active member of Indiana Gamma Gamma and represented his chapter at Congress. He attends Rose Polytechnic Institute and is there known as a quiet, hardworking student.

Recently, an attack of rheumatism compelled him to leave college for a short period, but he will probably have returned before this.



In Memoriam.

JOSEPH T. BROWN,

(Kentucky Mu.)

Born, 1849; Initiated, 1870;

Died, October 16, 1908.

Requiescat in pace.

HAYWOOD EDMUNDSON,

(N. C. Alpha Eta.)

Initiated, 1882; Died, 1908.

Requiescat in pace.

JOSHUA W. CALDWELL,

(Tennessee Pi.)

Born, February 3, 1856; Initiated, 1872;

Died, January 18, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

ELIAS ELI ROBERTS,

(Ohio Alpha Nu.)

Initiated, 1885; Died, November 24, 1908.

Requiescat in pace.

JOSEPH T. BROWN.

Bro. Joseph T. Brown died on October 16, 1908, at the age of 59 years. He was initiated at Kentucky Military Institute in the year of 1869 or 1870 and afterwards took his degree in law at the University of Virginia.

After leaving school Bro. Brown was engaged in railroad work in Texas for several years. Later on, becoming interested in the cattle business, he moved to Montana and had made that state his home for the last twenty-five or thirty years, living at the time of his death on one of his ranches near Birney, Mont. Bro. Brown, who was always a splendid example of industry and perseverance, was eminently successful in his chosen vocation. He had the respect and admiration of all who were fortunate enough to know him because of his honest and upright American citizenship. He was public-spirited to a marked degree and was ready at all times to sacrifice his own interests for the good of others and for his country. This is demonstrated by the fact that not only did he serve as representative in the Montana State Legislature but also in that he was chosen captain of a troop of rough riders who volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War.

Besides a host of friends to mourn his loss, the deceased left a wife, a daughter and two sons.

DAVID S. KRUIDENIER.

JOSHUA W. CALDWELL.

Joshua William Caldwell was born at Athens, Tenn., February 3, 1856, therefore had he lived until February 3 of this year, he would have been fifty-three years of age. His father was Col. Alfred A. Caldwell, a member of the bar of East Tennessee and a prominent lawyer. His father was a graduate of Maryville college and practiced law at Athens until the outbreak of the civil war. His father came to this city after the war. In 1872 he was a democratic candidate for congress, in 1878, a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor and was strongly supported by many zealous friends. His father died at Strawberry Plains, Jefferson county, November 6, 1886. His father was a member of the legislature of 1859-61, and was a presidential elector on the Bell ticket. His mother was Miss Ewing, of Virginia, and after the death of her husband, she made her home with Joshua W. Caldwell.

EDUCATED AT UNIVERSITY.

As soon as he had completed the public schools, Mr. Caldwell entered the University of Tennessee, becoming a student in the sub-freshman class. He remained a student at that institution until graduation, and at different times did special work. In 1875 he received the degree of bachelor of science, and in 1883, after having pursued special work, received the degree of master of arts.

As soon as he had completed his college course, Mr. Caldwell took up the profession of law, and early showed marked ability in his chosen profession.

But Mr. Caldwell was not to be distinguished in his profession alone. He at once showed great literary ability, which had developed at the University of Tennessee, and he began historical researches, and studies of the early history of this section and the entire commonwealth. He also took a great interest in the educational and literary life of the city.

PROMINENT IN EDUCATION.

In the early eighties, the Irving club was organized, and Mr. Caldwell was the life and soul of the organization until the time of his death, many times being the president of the club, which holds high rank as a literary circle of the south. Though admitted to the bar in 1886, he was early identified with the institutions of the city that have their purpose the upbuilding of the city. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Tennessee Deaf and Dumb school; he had for many years been a member of the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, his alma mater; he had been president of the alumni association of the University of Tennessee since 1894; he was an honorary member of the Tennessee Historical association; he was a corresponding member of the Minnesota Historical society.

IN PUBLIC LIFE.

In politics Mr. Caldwell was a democrat and while he adhered to the principles of the party, he was for virtue and purity in politics, and always stood for the principle which he thought was right. He never held but two political offices. In 1890, he was elected city attorney, succeeding Judge J. W. Sneed, and he held this office for eight years. While city attorney, he did much to revise the laws of the city, and compiled all of the ordinances of the city, which is now a highly prized volume. The next office which he held was that of referee in bankruptcy. He was appointed to this position by the late Judge C. D. Clark, without being an applicant for the place, and held the place under Judge E. T. Sanford, also after he had ascended the federal bench. These are the only public offices he ever held, though he was several times named as special judge to sit on the circuit, chancery and state supreme benches. His thorough knowledge of the law, and exact fairness in disposing of intricate points, caused him to fill a number of important positions in his profession. He was special master and sold the old East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, which trust he discharged with honor and exactness.

When the late Peter Turney was first elected governor of Tennessee, he looked over the state for a suitable man for the position of state superintendent of public instruction, and he offered the place to Mr.

Caldwell. He declined, owing to the large law practice which he had. Again, he was kept busy a great deal of his time in an advisory capacity. When the Louisville & Nashville railroad was built to this city, he was counsel and advisor of the regular attorneys, while so many intricate questions were involved and he often appeared in court for the road.

WORK IN LITERATURE.

Mr. Caldwell's literary work places him in the front rank of the gifted sons of Tennessee. On May 30, 1887, he delivered an address at the Knoxville Female Institute, on the subject, "The Genesis of American Literature." This address caused much interest in the literary world. In the same year, he delivered an address before the students of the Carson-Newman college on "Americanism," in which he referred to the true spirit of Americanism, which pervaded this section during the different wars. The address was widely published. In 1889, he published an historical article from his pen on John Sevier, the first governor of the state. This created much comment, and threw a new phase on the life of the pioneer statesman of this section.

Another literary production that created interest, was in 1889, when he wrote an article entitled "The New and the Old in the South." This was in the days when the talk about the "new south" had just begun, and his article aroused much enthusiasm among southern people who read it. It was commented upon by the press of the state very favorably. On June 3, 1889, he delivered the alumni address of the University of Tennessee, and this has been termed one of the ablest ever heard at the institution. In the *Arena* in 1894, there was published an article, by Mr. Caldwell, on "The South is American." This article sounded the key-note of the sentiments of the south and was widely discussed by the press of the entire south. Previous to this there appeared in the *New England magazine*, an article by Mr. Caldwell on the subject, "Our Unclean Literature." In 1894, another effort that created no little interest was an address by the deceased on "the Battle of Fort Sanders." It was an historical address of great merit, and is said to have been the most accurate account of the great battle ever issued.

FOR NEW CONSTITUTION.

One of the ambitions of the deceased was to see the state have a new constitution. In 1894, he began to contribute to the press of the state articles on the constitution, showing the growth and development of the present constitution and the necessity of a new instrument. This brought him into decided prominence over the state, so clear and decided were his articles and he was made temporary chairman of the judicial convention of 1895. After this he was orator of the day at the Sons of Veterans camp fire held in this city in 1895, and his address created no little interest at the time. About this time, he began to contribute to the press of the state, articles urging reform in the revenue laws.

These articles were very timely, and created considerable interest at the time, and no doubt had much to do with the reformation of the state revenue laws which came later.

One of the notable addresses by Mr. Caldwell was delivered at Nashville, June 17, 1897, on the occasion of Knoxville day at the Tennessee Centennial exposition. His subject was "East Tennessee in State History," and his remarks aroused interest throughout the entire state. Another notable address was delivered in New York at Delmonico's before the meeting of the Sons of the Revolution, of New York. His subject was "Patriotism of the South," and his speech was highly commended by the northern press for the liberal views set forth. Another important address and an epoch in the life of the deceased was in 1902, when in Washington at a meeting of the Sons of the Revolution he delivered an address. He and President Roosevelt were the principal speakers on this occasion. His toast, "East Tennessee and the South," was ably handled by the speaker.

AS NEWSPAPER CONTRIBUTOR.

Mr. Caldwell's literary trend caused him to be intimately associated with the newspaper interests of the state. For a number of years he contributed editorials to the old *Knoxville Tribune*, and these were always on timely subjects and created interest. In 1884, he attended the Tennessee Press association meeting in this city, and responded to the toast, "Tennessee's Press," which was published in all of the newspapers of the state. In this connection, he engaged in the controversy as to the exact birthplace of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, and his research led to the conclusion that it was at Lowe's Ferry, instead of Campbell's as had been contended.

In 1895, Mr. Caldwell published his first edition of the *Constitutional History of Tennessee*. This was favorably received and is regarded as the most thorough treatise on the subject possessed by any state of the union as to its constitution. Following this was "Sketches of The Bench and Bar of Tennessee," by Mr. Caldwell. The volume is dedicated to Hu L. McClung, a boyhood and manhood friend of the deceased. This book is regarded as one of the valuable historical works of the state.

When Dr. Chas. W. Dabney, president for years of the University of Tennessee, resigned his position, to accept the presidency of the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Caldwell was prominently mentioned for his successor. A meeting of the alumni of the institution was held in his behalf, but before the selection of a president had been made, he issued a statement declining to have his name mentioned in connection with the high honor.

Mr. Caldwell explained that he contemplated certain literary work, and that the duties of the presidency would materially handicap him in his plans for this work.

CHARTER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Caldwell was always ready to contribute his knowledge and efforts to any public enterprise. He was chairman of the committee having in hand the drafting of the new charter, and he had just completed a draft of the charter in the rough when he died. This, it is thought is in such shape that it can be used. This was his last effort of any character that will be lasting.

Mr. Caldwell compiled the charter of the city of Knoxville that was in effect previous to November 1, 1907.

The deceased was a member of the St. John's Episcopal church, and had for twenty-five or more years been a prominent member of the church. He always took an active part in its affairs.—*Knoxville (Tenn.) Sentinel.*



The Alumni.

A. T. O. IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

The following story, told of United States Senator T. M. SIMMONS (N. C. Xi) is taken from the *Saturday Evening Post*, and is worth reproduction here:

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, served one term in the House of Representatives, 'way back in 1886, and was defeated for re-election. This is why:

Simmons had secured a post office for James City, a solid black town, got an appropriation for a public building at Newbern, across the river, and an appropriation for a road to the national cemetery nearby. A negro was nominated against Simmons, but early in the campaign Simmons went to James City and had a big meeting. All the colored brethren were for him.

Simmons' opponent said nothing during the campaign. He didn't make a peep until the night before election. Then he held a meeting, and this is what he said: "Mr. Simmons is all right. He has sure 'nuff influence at Washington. One mawnin' he went up to the White House and he says: 'Mawnin', Mistuh Cleveland.'

" 'Mawnin', Mistuh Simmons.'

" 'Mistuh Cleveland, I want seventy-five thousand dollars for a post office over at James City.'

" 'Go right over to the Treasury and git it, Mistuh Simmons.'

"Pretty soon he goes up and says: 'Mistuh Cleveland, I want twenty thousand dollars for the road to the national cemetery in my town.'

" 'Go right over to the Treasury and git it, Mistuh Simmons.'

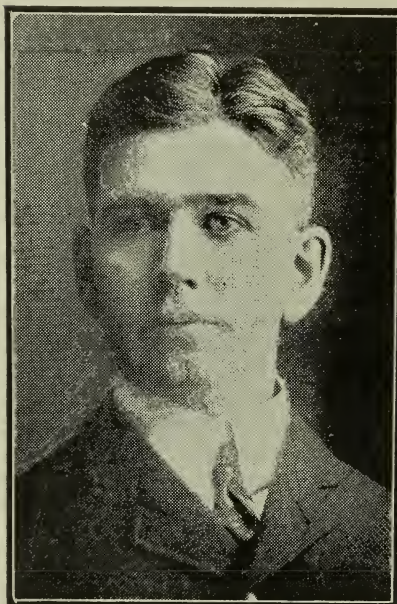
"He's got plenty of influence, plenty, but lemme tell you niggers they's such a thing as too much influence. Some day Mistuh Simmons will go up to the White House and say: 'Mawnin', Boss Cleveland.'

" 'Mawnin', Mistuh Simmons.'

" 'Mistuh Cleveland, I want all them niggers down in my district put back in slavery,' and he'll do it, and then where'll you niggers be, I ask you?"

That settled it.

CLARENCE S. FERRIS (N. Y. Alpha Omicron) has been elected to the office of judge for the county of St. Lawrence, New York. The *Lawrentian*, the journal published by the students at St. Lawrence University, says the following of him:



The election of District Attorney Clarence S. Ferris, '88, of Potsdam, to the county judgeship is an honor bestowed upon one of our most loyal and capable graduates. Since his graduation from St. Lawrence University, his progress has been remarkable; beginning at the bottom, he has patiently awaited opportunities and knew when to grasp them. His election was expected in this county, which has so long been overwhelmingly Republican. The position which he has thus secured had been previously held by the Hon. L. P. Hale, '76, who is now attorney for the State Public Service Commission at Albany. We congratulate Mr. Ferris upon his election, and wish him the utmost success.

He prepared for college at the Franklin Academy, of Malone, and entered in 1884. During his course at this institution he became a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After graduation, in 1888, he was principal of the Waddington and Colton High Schools for three years. During this period he read law with the Hon. M. D. Beckwith, of Colton, and the Hon. John I. Gilbert, of Malone; he was admitted to practice in September, 1891. He first practiced law at Colton, remaining there until January, 1897, when he came to Potsdam, where he became associated with the Hon. A. X. Parker, and he has made his home there since that time. In January, 1900, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney; three years later he became District Attorney during Governor Odell's term of office. In November, 1904, he was elected for a full term, and three years later was re-elected. On the resignation of Hon. L. P. Hale from county judgeship, Mr. Ferris resigned the office of District Attorney and accepted the appointment as County Judge. This occurred last June. He was elected for the full term this month by a large majority, and is now well established in his new office.

The *Pilgrim Press*, Boston, Mass., has recently published a volume entitled, "Puritanism in the South," by REV. DR. J. EDWARD KIRBYE (Mich. Beta Kappa), president of Drury College, Missouri. Brother Kirbye's scholarly effort is an attempt to show the inaccuracy of the phrases, "The Puritan of the North" and "The Cavalier of the South," so often employed by public speakers. To quote the author, "This represents a popular conception found in the North, which has been perpetuated by those whose rhetoric has been far more conspicuous than their knowledge."

Dr. Kirbye has collected a vast amount of interesting and valuable material and has arrayed it in a most convincing manner. The point raised is almost too novel to warrant the passage of judgment now, but the reader will discover that the author has so well established his proposition that further proof seems unnecessary. (Pages, 144; price, 75 cents; address, Pilgrim Press, Boston.)



The Montgomery (Ala.) *Advertiser* announces the appointment of BROTHER FRANCIS J. INGE (Alabama Beta Beta) to the office of county solicitor of Mobile county, in these words:

Francis J. Inge is the solicitor of Mobile County. He was appointed Tuesday by Governor Comer, and was present in person at the Capitol to qualify and receive the commission to begin work at once. He left last night for the Gulf City to enter upon his new duties.

The appointment did not come wholly as a surprise, though his name was not mentioned as an applicant. It had not even been recorded that Mr. Inge was in Montgomery. It is believed, however, to be a sort of victory for the friends of Gessner McCorvey who was a known applicant and whose law partner was Mr. Inge. It is understood that Mr. McCorvey was precluded from the appointment because of his age, Mr. Inge being his senior by several years.

The court docket, it is understood, contains many cases set for this and next week awaiting the attention of Mr. Inge. On this account the Governor had no chance to delay the appointment. He gave careful consideration to every applicant, however, and decided upon Mr. Inge only after the day was well advanced.

The position won by Mr. Inge and made vacant by J. H. Webb, the incumbent who resigned Monday, is one whose compensation is mixed.

There is a salary by a special act and fees are attached to the office. It is estimated by many that the office will net the incumbent nearly \$5,000. It is therefore a plum worth going after.

Mr. Inge will hold until the next election in 1910.



Among the expert engineers who accompanied President Taft on his recent inspection trip to Panama was BROTHER ARTHUR P. DAVIS (District of Columbia Upsilon). Brother Davis is the chief engineer of the United States reclamation service and is regarded as a leading authority in his profession.



The Western newspapers have lately been filled with items concerning the opening of a diversion dam along the Price River, Utah, in order to provide irrigation for the people of several surrounding counties. BROTHER M. S. DARROW (Minn. Gamma Nu) was the chief engineer of the project and only lack of space forbids a further description of the monster enterprise.

PERSONAL NOTES.

TAU, PENNSYLVANIA.

David L. Kneidler has moved to New York.

William H. Butler, '04, was married during fall.

ALPHA THETA, EMORY.

Lewis G. Norman is in the brokerage business at West Point this year, while his brother, Frank, is attending the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Hal C. Miller, an old '07 man, will finish his course in medicine at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, this spring.

R. H. Arrington is a commercial tourist this year. He sells groceries for an Augusta house.

Cooper S. Kirby holds a responsible and lucrative position with one of the cotton mills of West Point.

C. C. Nall, one of the charter members, is cashier of the bank of Luthersville, Luthersville, Ga. His love for Alpha Tau and especially for Alpha Theta chapter has not waned through all the years that he has been out in the business world.

Ernest L. Osborne is traveling the East this year, calling on the prominent eastern schools in the interest of a fraternity jewelry concern.

Gordon Brantley, who was with us in the year 1907, is studying medicine in Atlanta this year.

Boozer Payne is now a promising young merchant of Elberton, Georgia.

J. W. Quillian will finish his course at the Naval Academy this spring, after a most successful college career.

T. Jack Dempsey, of Jackson, is in the retail fancy grocery business in his home town this year.

W. Clyde Cooper is in the mercantile business with his father this year at Norwood, Ga.

Hubert L. Mobley is teaching the young American idea down near Shellman, Ga., this year.

William T. Burt, the manager of the college coöperative store, and a graduate of the class of '07, was married to Miss McNeal, of Beuna Vista, on the 29th of December.

James Ferman Bullard is in the drug business in Palmetto this year.

C. R. Rhodes is in the banking business at Sparta.

Claude B. Quillian is teaching school at Newman this year.

ALPHA IOTA—MUHLENBERG.

The leading role in "The Climbers," a play given by the alumnae of the Allentown College for Women, was portrayed by Claude Shankweiler. John McCollom successfully directed the same.

We congratulate Rev. Frederick Cooper, '96, upon the advent of another boy into his new home at Lima, Ohio.

Frank Buchman, '99, has taken charge of the Y. M. C. A. at the Pennsylvania State College.

Edwin Leefeldt, '03, is teaching at Staatsburg-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

Harold Marks, '07, is a piano student of Albert Ross Parsons, New York City.

The engagement is announced of Claude G. Shankweiler and Miss Althea Kline.

Claude T. Reno, editor of the PALM, was recently elected county solicitor of Lehigh County.

ALPHA MU, ADRIAN.

Clarence E. Wilcox and Miss Belle Arnett were married December 30, 1908. They will reside at "The Wellington," 68 Willis Ave., West, Detroit.

ALPHA NU, MT. UNION.

Rev. W. F. Wykoff is pastor of the First M. E. Church, of Alliance, O.

Harry A. Rhodes will graduate from Oberlin this year.

J. D. Hobson is taking his senior year at the Cleveland School of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. H. D. Scranton, who graduated from the Western Reserve Medical College, is pursuing his first year's practice with the Lake Side Hospital, of Cleveland, O.

H. R. Snyder, who was football coach at Oberlin, last fall, has accepted a position as treasurer and general manager of the Akron Realty Co., of Akron, O.

ALPHA RHO, LEHIGH.

Wm. D. B. Ainey, of Montrose Pa., is slowly recuperating from a four months' illness.

Albert W. Gaumer, '04, of Santiago, Cuba, has recently been visiting here.

Thomson King, '08, one of last year's graduates, visited the chapter and left his address as the Y. M. C. A. Building, Baltimore, Md.

C. N. Underwood, '05, has changed his residence from Saylesville, R. I., to Baltimore, Md.

Chester Wilcox, '06, one of our brothers, and now attending the Yale School of Forestry, has fully recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

Calder B. Bressler has left the employ of the Lehigh Coal Co., and is now principal of the High School, at Wyalusing, Pa.

Cafetan Morsack, '08, is now with the Verona Mining Co., at Verona, Ontario, Canada.

Born to O. J. Haller, of Pittsburgh, a son. The Alpha Rho chapter sends its congratulations.

Chester Wilcox, '06, has been elected to the honorary society, Sigma Xi, at Yale.

ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG.

J. L. Rothrock, '85, while hunting in the forests of Northern Minnesota, shot an immense moose weighing 1,100 pounds.

L. F. Lafean presided over the patriotic meeting held in Bruce Chapel on Lincoln's Birthday.

L. W. Gross, '01, has moved from Jonesboro, Ill., to Rockport, Ind.

W. W. Hartman, '03, has located at Gallup, N. Mex., where he is prospering as a lawyer.

S. I. Lafferty, '00, is taking an extensive western trip this winter season.

C. S. Emmert has recently moved from Cumberland to Pittsburgh, where he is employed by the National Tube Works.

BETA BETA, SOUTHERN.

Rev. Henry Trawick has been appointed presiding elder of the Montgomery district of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BETA ZETA, VERMONT.

Bros. Chase, Hard and Spencer, of the 1908 class, are all working in Cobalt, Northwestern Canada; R. L. Reade, '06, is superintendent of one of the silver mines there.

B. F. Taylor is working with the N. Y. State Civil Service, and his address is 41 Mitchell St., Norwich, N. Y.

A. C. Eaton, '06, is also with the N. Y. State Civil Service, and his address is 295 Quail St., Albany, N. Y.

Page, '07, is studying law at the Boston University Law School.

Oscar Sudler, '07, is in Denver, Col., while Getchell, '06, is in Great Falls, Mont.

L. M. Phelps is with the United Oil & Refining Co., at Beaumont, Texas.

Guy Bailey, '00, is the Secretary of State of Vermont.

Charles E. Allen, '96, is now living on his orange grove at Mt. Campbell, in the foothill region east of King's River. His post office address is Reedley, California.

BETA EPSILON, TULANE.

"Tod" Waterman is now located in Dallas, Texas. From all reports he is doing well.

Lucien Lyons, who graduated in engineering last year, writes he has become acclimated to the East. He is working hard in Buffalo, N. Y., with the Pierce Great Arrow people.

George Janvier, who received his law degree last year, is practicing with his brother, "Jack" Janvier, also an enthusiastic Alpha Tau.

Garland Dupre is speaker of the House of Representatives in Baton Rouge. He is meeting with great success.

"Doc" Eshleman is alumni manager of the Tulane athletic association. Things are being run on a firmer basis than ever before, due to his ability and energy.

Teddy Lyons is learning how to manage a wholesale drug store, and at least appears to be busy.

We were all glad to see the wedding of Dick Eustis and Miss Alice Aldige come off. She has been wearing our badge for some time, and the event was by no means a surprise.

Watts Leverich, law, '07, is in the office of Willie Bell.

BETA THETA, CORNELL.

H. W. Alexander is in the employ of J. G. White & Co., and is engaged on an irrigation project at Richfield, Idaho.

BETA OMICRON, ALBION.

Mark Fall, '08, has recently been appointed head chemist of the Milan Cement Co., near Chelsea, Mich., with a fat salary attached to the job, besides the privilege of returning home each week.

Karsten, '05, has accepted a position with the Denver, Colo., Western League baseball team.

BETA MU, WOOSTER.

Arthur F. Blaser, since his return from Europe, occupies the responsible position of professor of mathematics in Case School of Applied Sciences, Cleveland, Ohio.

Robt. G. Caldwell, '04, is occupying the chair of philosophy and psychology in the University of Wooster, during the absence of Dean Compton.

R. M. Huston is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Kenton, Ohio.

S. C. Moore is in the pottery business, running a large plant at Perry, Pa.

C. L. Alspaugh is pastor of the Reformed Church, in Zanesville, Ohio.

C. H. Winans is very successful as principal of the large High School, at Marion, Ohio.

BETA UPSILON, MAINE.

T. R. Kellar is now with the Western Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.

BETA OMEGA, OHIO STATE.

John L. Boggess has been spending the winter aboard the revenue cutter, "Perry," along the coasts of Southern Alaska. He is now a passed assistant surgeon in the U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

GAMMA ZETA, ILLINOIS.

C. R. Clendenin, ex-'10, is with the *Times*, at Laredo, Texas.

Carl Dick has resigned his position in the G. E. D. Dept. of the University of Illinois, and has accepted a position with the Decatur Bridge Co., at Decatur, Ill.

James Branch has recently removed from White Heath, Ill., to Hereford, Texas, where is is engaged in farming.

Frantz Boston has for several months been in Kempton, Ind., in charge of a lumber yard for the Alexander Lumber Co.

Frank M. Byers, '08, is on the faculty of Blackburn University, at Carlinville, Ill.

R. W. Elden is farming in Oregon, instead of Washington, as announced in the last PALM. His address is R. F. D., No. 2, McMinnville, Oregon.

C. R. DuBois is at St. Joseph, Mo., with the Gylsonite Construction Co.

M. S. Meeker, ex-'09, is with the Luthy Farm Implement Co., of Peoria, Ill.

Leo Baird, '07, is superintendent of schools at Princeville, Ill.

Hiram Powers is with the Lake Construction Co., of Chicago.

Fred Teich is located in Schenectady, N. Y.



GAMMA DELTA, BROWN.

Heckman, '04, was one of the coaches of the team that tied Yale this year in football.

Goulding, '03, is an approved tutor and is studying law in an office in the city.

McComber, '96, was recently made professor of physiology and director of physical training in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Fuller, '02, is superintendent of schools in North Attleboro, Mass., and was elected secretary of the Providence alumni association.

Flagg, '00, is with the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency in their Boston office.

Perkins, '01, came to Providence recently. He is with the Mutual Life Insurance Company at their office in this city.

Hough, '08, is engaged in business in Woonsocket, R. I.

Hardy, '02, has announced the birth of a prospective brother.

Hall, '01, is paying teller of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company in this city.

Ehle, '08, is teaching school in Canjoharie.

Young, '08, is learning the woolen business in one of the large mills of Woonsocket.

Swett, '06, is with the N. Y., N. H., and H. R. R. in Malden, Mass.

Davis, '06, has decided to remain another year in the Philippine Islands, where he is working for the Bureau of Lands.

Bruce, '06, is in Porto Rico, being employed as engineer of a sugar plantation.

Martin, '08, who affiliated with our chapter, is studying at Columbia and thinks that he will consider favorably an offer to instruct in geology at Brown, next year.

Fowler, '05, recently announced his engagement to Miss Julia M. Fowler, of this city.

Randall, '97, has returned from India, and is now teaching at Leland University, New Orleans.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The local alumni association held a smoker at the University Club on Saturday evening, February 20, which was largely attended. We had quite an enthusiastic meeting. Senator Milton was with us and added much to the pleasure of the evening by his jovial presence as well as his splendid talk on Alpha Tau Omega. Three of the Lamar brothers were also with us: Geo. H. and Howard, of Jasper, Ala., and Wm. H., of the U. S. Dept. of Justice. Bros. Larkin, Glazebrook, Ellsworth and Holt gave graphic accounts of the recent Congress. Those that expressed their regrets at not being fortunate enough to be at Pittsburgh, declared their purpose to get even by not only going to Atlanta themselves but would take their wives and sweethearts as well.

Great enthusiasm was occasioned by the reading of the following letter from the Worthy Grand Chief: "Please be good enough to convey to the D. C. Alumni Association, at their dinner to-morrow evening, a message of my sincerest fraternal greetings. For many years, Washington has been a prominent center of fine Alpha Tau enthusiasm and service.

The fraternity gratefully realizes that she may expect this to become increasingly evident year by year. The fraternity itself is rapidly becoming firmer and more substantial in its organization. The legislation and methods of administration of the last few years are indicating a kind of development that prophesies great things for coming generations of college men. As alumni, one of our choicest privileges is to remain in close and sympathetic touch with such an institution. Some time during the present administration, I hope to enjoy the real privilege (as indeed it would be) of meeting a larger number of you, and discussing together some of the interests of the fraternity we love."

DENVER.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Denver Alumni Association was held on January 22nd. The result of the election was as follows: N. Clinton Steel, president; George B. Drake, secretary and treasurer; Park French, Douglas Roller and George B. Drake, members of the executive committee.

At this meeting an informal discussion was had in regard to the entertainment of Brothers Hickok and Van der Vries, who are expected to be in Denver some time during May next. A committee, consisting of Miller, Appel and Rothgerber, with Fithian as chairman, was named to have charge of the banquet.

It is with much pleasure that the Denver alumni look forward to the expected business from the Worthy Grand Chief and our Provincial Chief. It is the intention of our association to have at least a dinner, theatre party or smoker once a month.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having the following additions to the Denver association: Judge Blackman, formerly of Georgetown, Colo., who in the near future will open an office for the practice of law in the Cooper Bldg.; Prof. Charles Smith, of Hillsdale and Cornell, who is connected with the State School of Mines, at Golden, Colo., and Raymond McLane, of Rose Polytechnic Institute.

E. J. Piggott, of Illinois Gamma Zeta, spent several days in Denver during December.

With the above additions to the list of the alumni in Denver, we now have about forty members in the association.

GEORGE B. DRAKE.

PORTLAND.

The Portland Alumni Association is now a fact. A few weeks ago only three brothers were known to one another in Portland; now there are nine and with this number, after the consent of the W. G. C., the association was organized Tuesday evening, November 17th. The brothers are all prosperous, progressive and enthusiastic

The officers elected were as follows: President, Walter S. Dole, New York Beta Theta, Consulting Engineer, Portland; Vice-President, Gustav G. Schmitt, Illinois Gamma Xi, Attorney, Portland; Secretary and Treasurer, Ferd S. McCord, Alabama Beta Beta, with R. G. Dun & Co., Portland; Standing committee on entertainment: Luther R. Bailey, Alabama Beta Beta, Coast Manager, Underwood & Underwood; Milton H. Stevenson, New York Alpha Omicron, Attorney, Portland; and F. S. McCord, Alabama Beta Beta.

The following brothers were also enrolled: Homer D. Angell, New York Alpha Lambda, Attorney, Portland; Fred M. Randlett, Massachusetts Gamma Beta, Civil Engineer, Portland; Leon B. Merritt, Michigan Beta Lambda, Student, Michigan University; Winfield W. Graves, Nebraska Gamma Theta, Attorney, Portland.

We have already arranged for informal weekly lunches and in due time we will have monthly dinners. We wish to do everything possible to further the interest of our fraternity in the Northwest and would welcome letters of information relative to other brothers that may be in this vicinity. We hope all visiting brothers will make themselves known when in the city.

FERD S MCCORD.

WASHINGTON STATE.

Our last two meetings have been well attended, the one in February bringing out twenty, including those of the boys who came down from Gamma Pi chapter. This dinner was the first appearance at the alumni dinners of the late "neophytes," as Kennedy calls them, as it was the first dinner held after their initiation.

De Land has left us, at least temporarily, for the sunnier climate of California, where we suppose he will have a Sacramento Alumni Association going pretty soon, if he can find a few Alpha Taus there. Van Brundt succeeds De Land as president of the association.

At our January meeting, Williams of the local chapter, gave us an enthusiastic, if incoherent, explanation of what happened at the Pittsburgh Congress. He didn't seem very clear about some details of the meeting, but evidently came away with the idea that A. T. O. was a national fraternity all right. The local chapter is going to give a ball at the Hotel Washington in April, and many of the alumni expect to be there with their ladies.

We have found only one new alumnus during the last two months, Leslie, with law offices in the American Bank Building. He expects to be down at our next meeting, March 19. No business of other than local importance has come up, except the discussion of the Congress report by Williams, which provoked some lengthy comment. Our meetings are held at the old stand, the Olympus Cafe, at 6 o'clock, on the third Friday in each month. All Alpha Taus in the city on that date are urged to turn out, and help things along.

A. H. FISCHER.

WESTERN NEW YORK.

The inaugural meeting of the Alpha Tau Omega Alumni Association of Western New York was held recently at the University Club, Buffalo, N. Y. A delightful banquet was served, at which most of the following members were present: Nichols, Seelbach, Gleason, Richards, Potter, Lucien Lyons, Jr., R. R. Drake, A. E. Drake, Kreibs, C. R. Kelleran, J. C. Tiefts, Lies, Upton, Dingus, M. Drake, Ebberts, Miller, Williams, Jewett and Reed.

Everyone was pleased to have former Grand Chief Fenn also present with us. He added to the enjoyment of the evening, both with his sound advice and his very humorous stories.

A constitution was drafted and adopted and the association was put on a sound working basis. It was determined to hold three regular meetings during the year and as many more special meetings as was deemed necessary by vote of the members.

The association hopes that, if there are any members of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in this vicinity of whom we are not aware, that they will make themselves known by communicating with any of our officers, a list of whom is given below. We are sure that they will enjoy getting together with a crowd of their own fraternity and that they will have a thoroughly good time.


The following were elected officers: Bennett F. Lies, president; Marcus Drake, vice-president; C. R. Kelleran, secretary and treasurer; H. S. Gleason, PALM correspondent.

The new association extends its best wishes to all Alpha Taus and hopes that this new association may be the means of keeping us all in closer touch with everything that has to do with the welfare of Alpha Tau Omega.

H. S. GLEASON.

NEW YORK.

The New York association held a smoker on Saturday evening, March 20th, at the Hofbrau House, which was largely attended. Brothers Erdman and Reno, of Allentown, were present and made addresses. It was a most enjoyable occasion and will be further written up in the next PALM



Chapter Letters.

ROLL CALL.

The following chapters failed to supply a letter for this number, and each of them have been fined the usual amount:

Province V—Pennsylvania Alpha Pi. Province VI—Virginia Beta. Province VII—Ohio Beta Omega.

PROVINCE I.

ALPHA EPSILON—ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Our college is growing every day. The attendance before Christmas was 676 and now the number has been increased to 690. Our Carnegie Library has just been completed; our new Agricultural building will be ready for occupancy by June and it has been rumored that we will have a new Veterinary building, a new Mechanical building, a new Gymnasium, and a new Y. M. C. A. building within a year.

As usual our boys got their part of the honors this year. At the election of the *Glomerata* board, J. W. Powell was elected associate editor and Julius T. Pearson was elected assistant business manager. Robert Chapman and E. W. Ragland have been promoted from the rank of private to corporal. D. M. Clements has been elected to represent the Websterian Literary Society in an oratorical contest on Feb. 22nd. C. M. Howard made a trip to Taladega, Christmas, to inspect some gold mines and to test the richness of the ore.

D. M. CLEMENTS.

ALABAMA BETA BETA—SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Bro. Elliott having returned from the Congress in Pittsburgh, is a veritable oracle in our midst. He gives us enthusiastic talks on going to Congress and seems to have been especially impressed with the great A. T. O. spirit that pervades the air around the banqueting tables.

O. C. Weaver carried off honors in the Challenge debate on December 14, 1908. Rush, R. C., and Rush, C. W., are active players and managers of the basketball club in college.

ROBT. H. SMITH.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

We have initiated J. D. Ratcliffe, of Beatrice, Ala. We are also glad to welcome A. H. Clark, of Montgomery, who has returned after several years to complete his law course. Clark first affiliated with us from Alabama Alpha Epsilon. Derrill Pratt has been elected captain of the '10 football team. As coach for the freshman team he defeated the sophomores, and in a few days engages with the juniors for the class championship of the school. Stollenwerck is to be one of the sophomore speakers. Baseball is early engrossing our attention. With Vaughn, last year's catcher, and D. Pratt, last year's short, and Shropshire and W. Pratt we feel sure Beta Delta will have her share of the "diamond" honors for Alpha Tau Omega.

J. Ed. Jordan, who was here last year studying law, will be married on the 24th of February to Miss Katie Mae Pearson, of Lylacauga, Ala.

J. W. STOLLENWERCK.

FLORIDA ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

Florida Alpha Omega has adopted a plan by which she will have a handsome chapter house in the course of five years. We are now occupying a suite of very pleasant and comfortable rooms in the business section of Gainesville, but we are looking forward to the time when our chapter will have a permanent home of its own.

We were glad to have W. D. Weatherford, International Y. M. C. A. Secretary, as a guest of the university for a couple of days.

We are all mourning the loss of Barnes, who had to give up his college work for the remainder of the year on account of weakness of his eyes.

Recent appointments of cadet officers to take the place of the senior officers gave us one captain and one first lieutenant.

RALPH O. RADER.

GEORGIA ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Since our last letter we have put into successful operation the plan of having our meals at the chapter house, and find that we did not know the true meaning of chapter house life before.

Heath, our Congress representative, came back with glowing accounts of Pittsburgh.

We all returned after Christmas with the exception of the two Upchurch boys, of Jacksonville, Fla., and O. E. Montfort. The Upchurch

boys are attending Stetson University, at Deland, Fla. Bradley Davis is back with us after dropping out of college for a year. We have initiated since our last letter C. T. Buchanon, of Jackson, Ga.

The basketball season is on the wane with "Georgia" going strong for the championship. During this season we were delighted to have Eshleman, graduate manager of the Tulane team, and Dawson, Bailey, and Golden, of the Tech. team, visit us. We also had Boswell, Alpha Theta, and Ham, Alpha Beta, with us.

Needless to say we are delighted to have L. L. Hendren, professor of physics, an ex-Trinity man, in the university. He is an enthusiastic Alpha Tau, and will undoubtedly do us much good.

O. M. GRESHAM.

GEORGIA ALPHA THETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

E. E. Adair, of Cartersville, Ga., was initiated.

In politics W. H. Burt made poet of his class; J. M. Bryan, track manager for the college; W. S. Bryan, one of the debaters in the inter-collegiate debate against Wofford; J. B. Brown, football manager for next season, and J. M. Bryan and W. S. Bryan made the champion debate between the two literary societies.

In athletics, there is no winter sport in progress here now except basketball. We have seven men on class teams, and as we only play class ball, we have no 'varsity five. Our prospects for baseball are very bright. We have ten men who play excellent ball, and stand a splendid show of making their respective class teams. In tennis we expect to show up in good form, as we will enter four or five teams in the college tournament this spring. In track work we have two especially good men. In class room we have ten men who will make the honor roll this year. One of this number stands at the head of his class.

In the social world we are as strong as the local chapters representing other fraternities. No dances are given by the fraternities, but in other social functions we are well represented.

In religious circles, we are very well represented. One of our number is president of the Y. M. C. A.; one a Bible class leader; another president of the Epworth League; and still another, who is treasurer and on the board of directors of the Georgia Students' Missionary Conference.

We were pleased to have with us on the 22nd of December, E. E. Barnett, of Tennessee Beta Pi. He was on his way to Louisiana, and stopped off to see us for the day.

At a recent club meeting a committee was appointed and a movement was put on foot to secure a chapter house, and we hope before many moons have waxed and waned to be lodged in new and commodious quarters.

H. T. QUILLIAN.

GEORGIA ALPHA ZETA—MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Mercer's prospects in baseball for the coming year are very bright. Four of last year's regulars, who are Alpha Taus, have returned and there is an abundance of raw material here.

In the class room our chapter is doing finely. We regret to lose some of our brothers by graduation, especially Johnson. Socially we are most of us ladies men. Wilbur Smith, especially, takes an interest in this line as well as representing us as catcher on the ball team.

Occasionally we hear from some of our old brothers. R. G. Hies, A. J. Perriman, J. C. Houston and Will Moore are practicing law at Dublin, Talbotton, Lawrenceville, and Statesborough, Ga., respectively.

SAM M. HOWELL.

GEORGIA BETA IOTA—GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

When the roll was called at our first meeting after the holidays, eighteen active Alpha Taus answered to their names. We then listened to a very interesting report from Tutwiler as to what happened at Pittsburgh this Christmas. From all accounts, it was a most inspiring occasion, and listening to the recital of all the good times, brought home to each of us the disappointment of not being able to attend. Although it does not affect us, as the T. N. E. chapter has died out here at Tech, we are glad that our fraternity has legislated against it, as it did no good when it was here. We are also charmed to hear that the next Congress is to be held here in Atlanta and that Beta Iota is to have the honor of entertaining. We shall do all in our power to make the event all that an A. T. O. Congress ought to be.

Since our last letter, we have initiated B. L. Barnwell and W. A. Emmerson, both of Atlanta. On the night of January 8th, we entertained a number of our A. T. O. ladies at a house warming, which was very much enjoyed by all present. We are very much pleased with the idea, or rather the realization of living in a chapter house. This is our first year in a house, but we hope never to give it up.

As the basketball season is in full swing, I might say that we are represented on the team by three men, Val. Dawson, Fred. Bailey and Robert Golden; also that C. L. Emmerson has been lately elected editor-in-chief of our college annual. We are sorry to see John Baldwin leave school. He has been in the chapter for three years and during that time has done much for the advancement of A. T. O. He has just finished a very successful season as manager of the football team. He leaves for the West.

One of our brothers was in Charleston recently and reports that the S. C. Beta Chi chapter of Charleston College is in a flourishing condition and certainly seems to have the "spirit." We were honored recently by a visit from Eshleman, graduate manager of the Tulane, who was up

here with the basketball team. We enjoyed his visit very much, and received a most beautiful letter from him expressing his appreciation and regards. L. H. Putnam, our Province Chief, stopped over a day or two with us on his way home from Congress. We enjoyed very much having him with us. We have an open house always at the disposal of visiting brothers whom we shall always be delighted to see.

GEO. W. BARNWELL.

LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter has just recovered from the excitement caused by the recent Congress in Pittsburgh. It was the best ever given. I tried to show my brothers at Tulane how much I appreciated the gathering, and the time we had, but, of course, one does not realize the real meaning of an Alpha Tau Omega Congress until he has been to one himself. Nevertheless we are specially active at present and trying our best to improve each day. We are getting along as fine as could be expected. Recently we succeeded in pledging for next year five dandy prep school men, all of whom were looked over by other frats at Tulane. Then there are about four more we are considering.

Our active membership now consists of twelve brothers. Everyone of our chapter is doing good work; in fact three are leading their classes, and that is saying a good deal for us.

Since Congress, we have initiated Folwell Legendre, a freshman, who had been holding off for some time. We had a hard time getting him, and so our victory meant something. William Pringle Humes, of Charleston College, South Carolina, has affiliated with us. Billy's an all-around good fellow, and we are glad to have him in New Orleans. Armstrong and Gannon, of Cornell, spent the Christmas holidays in New Orleans. We certainly hated to see them leave us but such is life in a big city.

We are expecting a number of visiting Alpha Taus down for Mardi Gras. Gee! but we Southerners have a good time then. In fact, a little too good.

Our mid-year exams. are just over, and as a result the university halls are just as crowded as ever with loafers. Of course, "occasionally" "one" of our fellows is among the crowd, but we try to discourage the practice of loafing during class hours.

You know, that 300 word limit, a new rule of Reno's, is bad business. A fellow can not even begin his letter in that time. Nevertheless, I have to obey orders, and save all I had planned to say, until my next letter by which time I hope the rule "might" be changed.

WOODRUFF GEORGE.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

At the end of the last term, the chapter bade farewell to four of its number—Pennybacker, Moss, Byrd and Maury. At the beginning of this term, we welcomed the return of Cate and the affiliation of Masterson, of Tennessee Omega, who is taking some work in the university, while filling the place of rector of the Episcopal chapel. Though somewhat curtailed in numbers, we are still fifteen strong.

On last Thanksgiving was celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University of Texas. Large numbers of alumni gathered about their alma mater on this occasion and Alpha Taus were not missing. On Wednesday night, just before Thanksgiving, we entertained a goodly bunch of them at the chapter house, and among them were R. E. L. Saner, of Dallas; Scott Key, of Waco; A. S. Cleveland, of Houston; H. P. Burney, of San Antonio; George M. Cox, of Hico; Gates Thomas, of Bryan, and Will West, a newly returned gold miner from the Klondike.

For some years past, there has existed a Pan-Hellenic association at Houston. In this organization our Houston alumni hold no inconsiderable place. Every Christmas a sumptuous banquet is enjoyed by them and their guests, who include in their number representatives of some twenty fraternities. Last Christmas, we very much predominated, filling the offices of both president and toastmaster and having more men in attendance than any other fraternity. This year, the Betas lorded it, but we equaled the best of them in numbers and spirit, twenty-five out of one hundred and fifty being A. T. O's.

At the first of the year, Sims was made secretary-treasurer of the German club and Rossey was appointed to a place on the *Texan* staff. More recently, Cate was elected president of the Middle law class. In addition to these political jobs, several of the student brothers hold positions in the faculty, Touchstone being law-librarian, and Randolph, fellow-in-chemistry.

In the past few months we have received visits, at different times, from A. Byrd, of St. Louis; F. D. Heard, of McKinney; and Jim McCall, of Weatherford. During the several days that the Tulane team was here, we saw a good deal of Eshleman and Woodruff George.

Sims has returned from Pittsburgh, much elated over Congress. He declares that it is a revelation to him as to the magnitude and high standard of the fraternity and he says that never till now has he fully appreciated the true spirit of Alpha Tau Omega. In his report at the chapter meeting, on his return from Pittsburgh he made us all feel as if we had been there with him.

CHARLES W. TRUEHEART.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Since the last issue of the *PALM* we have initiated William Freeman Myrick Goss, dean of the Engineering Colleges here; Kurt R. Beak, of Chicago; Geo. G. Hippard, of Springfield, Ill., and Paul H. Gibbs, of Westfield, Mass.

One of the most pleasant occasions of the year was the initiation banquet held last November. We were very glad indeed to have with us E. P. Lyon, W. G. C., of St. Louis, together with quite a number of alumni; among whom were T. A. Clark, N. A. Weston, Carroll G. Smith, H. L. Rietz, Dan Mulliken, "Bill" Martin, Louis Moschel, Chas. Noble, Jim Wehrstedt, Frank Scott, Harvey Wood, 'Gene Burke, L. B. King, "Doc" Byers, June Davis and Clarence Johnson. In view of the favorable comments and excellent results obtained from the banquet it is our desire to make it an annual function.

There has been quite a falling off in our ranks this year. Lem Hill, who was with us the first of the year, is now in Omaha, Neb., and Fred Teich had trouble with his eyes and had to leave the university before Christmas. He is now located in Schenectady, N. Y. Joe Sonntag and R. A. Hanson did not return the second semester. Sonntag has accepted a position in Chicago and Hanson intends, shortly, to go to Seattle, Washington.

We have been glad to have Jesse Harris, of Seattle, Wash., with us for several weeks. Among other brothers who have "dropped in" are "Doc" Byers, "Mary" Clendenin, Claude Smith, "Bill" Wilson, June Davis and Walter Williams. We have also had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bingham, formerly of Virginia Delta, but who is now located in Louisville, Ky. Bingham attended a conference of officials of the Illinois Water Works, which was held here recently.

Carl Dick, former chief of Province II, has resigned his position in the General Engineering Drawing department of the university and has accepted a position with the Decatur Bridge Co., at Decatur, Ill. J. L. Jones has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Dick's resignation.

It is with great pleasure we learn of the appointment of C. E. Wilcox as chief of Province II, and wish to extend to him our heartiest coöperation in the performance of his duties.

We are anticipating a great deal of pleasure in entertaining the conclave which will be held here Easter. As hosts and brothers we will spare no effort to make it memorable in both its results and pleasures and extend a cordial invitation to the sister chapters whom we trust will be well represented.

In college life it may be noted that Clearinger is leader of the glee club; Phelps was on the junior prom committee and is secretary of the junior class; H. K. Dick was on the sophomore cotillion committee;

Bond is on the cadet hop committee and the 'varsity baseball squad, and Blaisdell is on the freshman 'varsity basketball team. The interfraternity bowling tournament is in full blast and H. K. Dick has been chosen captain of our team, which is composed of Dick, Lindley, Boston, Dunn and Beak.

College athletics are also demanding the attention of the students. Our basketball team is far above the average and we expect to make second place at the end of the year—Chicago having the first place already practically "cinched." In baseball the outlook is also encouraging. Coach Huff recently cut the squad from 250 to 100 and will probably make another cut when the weather opens up sufficiently to permit of out-of-door practice.

A very pleasant evening was spent with Goss on February 13th, when the Dean and Mrs. Goss entertained the local chapter of the Alpha Xi Omega sorority and Gamma Zeta at an informal supper. The affair was unique in its conception and carried out with the nicety and precision of an excellent host and hostess which insures the pleasure of every guest.

The resignation of three of our most popular professors within the past two months has been the occasion of a great deal of regret among the student body. Just after Christmas, Stephen A. Forbes, professor of zoology, resigned on account of the heavy work connected with his duties as State Zoologist. Shortly afterward, the announcement was made of the resignation of L. P. Breckenridge, professor of mechanical engineering, who goes to the Sheffield Scientific School, at Yale, and T. A. Clark, dean of undergraduates, who intended going to Leland Stanford, Jr. University as dean of undergraduates and professor of English. Clark has, however, reconsidered his resignation and decided to remain here. This decision means much to both the student body and Gamma Zeta as Clark's close touch with the students and his untiring energy in their behalf has placed him in a position which can not be filled. His active interest in Gamma Zeta, of which he is a charter member, and his ready counsel have been invaluable to us and his loss would have been keenly felt.

T. M. PITTMAN, JR.

ILLINOIS GAMMA XI—UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The most important event of the past three months with us was the initiation held January 16th. While not at all elaborate, it was probably the most auspicious initiation in the history of the chapter. The members of the Chicago Alumni Association were invited to be present and about thirty—a good turn-out for a Saturday evening in Chicago—were able to accept. The visitors assembled at 6:30 and renewed their acquaintance with the secret work by listening to the

last two ceremonies. Adjournment was then taken to a modest, though satisfying, dinner, to which forty-five men sat down. When the inner man had been refreshed, oratory came on. Of the alumni, President Wehrstedt, Charley Fry, Goldi Williams, Ed Kerwin and Dan Boone were ably heard from. Fry gave an interesting review of the Congress. Paul Gallagher, the chapter delegate, also spoke of the session. The speaking concluded with a "speech" by each of the new Alpha Taus.

The plan of making the January initiation the occasion of a get-together with the local alumni was tried out with the intention of making it permanent if successful. Success is hardly the word for the outcome. That such an affair will become an annual event goes without saying. The older boys say they are strong for the idea, the active chapter is glad of such a fitting time at which to entertain the alumni, and the new men are given a most stimulating start in their fraternity experience. For all of which reasons it is a sure go, and all Alpha Taus are advised that about the middle of each January, Gamma Xi will initiate and that any brother who can, is invited and urged to be here.

As a result of all this, the chapter wishes to introduce to the general fraternity these new brothers: John J. Sprafka, Morton C. Seeley, Harry A. Newby, Bjarne H. Lunde, H. Miller Anderson, Howard R. Huse, Robert C. Buck and Louis T. Curry.

The social calendar shows two informal dances, the one in November last, and the other the 11th of February. From thirty to forty couples attended each of these and made them real successes. Another such affair is scheduled for the present quarter.

Changes in the house bunch are these: Jack Haessly, pledge, was unfortunately forced to withdraw from the university because of ill health. A recent letter says that he is rapidly recovering, however. Victor Olsen, '10, becomes temporarily inactive to accept a position in Armour's chemical department. Virgil Crum is leaving a local law firm to locate in Portland, Oregon. A new house mate is Joe Baer, Michigan Beta Lambda, who is now in business in the city.

The guest book notes the coming and going of a number of wandering Alpha Taus. Several delegates going to and from Pittsburgh favored us with a call. The fellows who stayed at the house during the Christmas recess report a long list of welcome visitors. The more names on our book the better.

ALLEN SAYLES.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA—ROSE POLY. INSTITUTE.

Indiana Gamma Gamma at last has adopted the plan that most of her sister chapters have followed for some time—that of running our own house. We have rented a large two-story house on the principal thoroughfare on the north side of the city. It has an unfinished third

story which the owner will seal and fit up for a dormitory during the summer months. The house is about twelve blocks from the institute, and very convenient to the business section of the city. We have engaged the services of a matron, who for a number of years has been prominently identified as a cateress in Terre Haute. She has two colored girls under her as her assistants. The fellows certainly do enjoy the eating—after existing so long on boarding house hash. Planck says that he gained six pounds during the first week.

Our pledging season this year was most profitable; we pledged five men, all of the class of '12. They are: O. E. Reagan and Owen Dodson, both of Terre Haute; Charles Owen Fairchild, of Spokane, Wash.; Forrest Monger, of Greenfield, Ind.; and James B. Peddle, of St. Louis, a nephew of Prof. John B. Peddle of the Rose faculty. They will all be taken in about the middle of February. At this initiation we hope to have our second annual alumni gathering.

At the present time we have just emerged from two weeks of final exams. While we have not been able to tell just how we fared, yet we are hoping for the best.

M F. HAYMAN.

INDIANA GAMMA OMICRON—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The twenty-first Congress of Alpha Tau Omega is now a thing of the past, but its influence is still with us, and we feel that every chapter of the fraternity has been benefited thereby. In all chapters, no doubt, the homecoming delegates brought word of the magnificent work which the grand officers are rendering the fraternity, and such reports, we believe, serve to give a general impetus to the individual member to do even his small portion of the great work to the best of his ability. that the progress of Alpha Tau Omega may be onward and upward. The fibre of the system is woven by the earnest efforts of each and every member, and the strongest test of the finished cloth is the test of the single fibre.

Indiana Gamma Omicron is at the present time still in her temporary quarters made necessary by the October fire, and from the present outlook it seems probable that we will be in such quarters for the remaining portion of the school year. The first semester of the year has just closed, and it is with no small amount of pride that we are able to report the standing of the test by all of the members of the local chapter. We are now facing the second term with a clean slate, and here's hoping for a repetition of the past record in the remaining months.

On Friday, February 19th, the chapter entertains with an informal dance at the Lincoln club. Besides the active members we look forward with pleasure to receiving a number of our alumni. This is the first dance since the fire, and we are putting forth our best efforts to make it a go.

Since the last PALM letter we have initiated Chas. Vinson Swain, of Muncie, Ind., and have pledged Thomas Meredith, Jr., of Rushville, Ind. We take great pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity as brother and pledge, respectively, and feel that they are well worthy of the honor which Alpha Tau Omega, through us, has seen fit to confer upon them.

B. U. STEPHENS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The doubtful outlook which presented itself to E. C. Lucas, the only remaining Alpha Tau, at the beginning of the school year, has changed to the brightest. Slowly he has selected the cream of the men, until we have a total membership of nine active men and one pledge. Last Saturday night, L. B. Drake, F. B. Getman, C. L. Queen and H. B. Haynes were initiated and their acquisition is of great value, each being without a peer in his class.

Plans are now on foot for the decoration of our rooms in the colors of blue and gold and we soon hope to be able to greet our new men in newly furnished compartments.

H. B. HAYNES.

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

At the beginning of the fall term, Beta Kappa had an enrollment of six active members. Now our number has been increased to ten, and we are in the best condition we have been for some time. Four of last year's pledges have been initiated: H. F. Ford, of Hillsdale, Michigan; C. I. Treer, of Wolf Lake, Indiana; E. C. Hobart, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; and I. D. Fales, of Manton, Michigan. We have pledged two new men this fall, Mr. Sears and Mr. Stuart, and we have one who was pledged last year, Mr. Spooner, all of whom we hope will ride the "goat" soon. We were all glad to welcome back again H. F. Mitchell, who has been absent for one year, during which time, he was working at an electric light plant at Molselysack, Canada.

The spirit is the best it has been for some time. Our chapter has been doing some good consistent rushing and we are still going to "rush" till we "land" the men we want. Our social policy has been to do most of our rushing at home. We have given a number of "spreads" and freshmen were made the guests of honor. We think that our plan of rushing and entertaining is proving a success as we very seldom fail to "land" the man we want. Our rushing season is not restricted to a brief period of time and for this reason we will be heard from again about new men.

H. F. Ford was our representative to the Pittsburgh Congress and gave us a good report. He came in contact with a number of the good

brothers who stand at the head of the fraternity and found them to be a fine bunch of men, with the true Alpha Tau spirit. From the report, the Congress was very beneficial to our representative, and also to the rest of us. We hope that more of our chapter may attend the next one.

As a reward and appreciation for work on the football team, Reynolds and Sears each received sweater vests given by the college. Mitchell and Hobart received honorable mention. Reynolds was elected captain of the football team for 1909. In basketball we have one active and one pledge man playing on the team. H. F. Ford is playing at center and Stuart is playing guard. Both are good players and add much to the general spirit and consistent management of the team. More of our fellows will be represented in track and baseball than in football. Preparations are now being made to have as many candidates out as possible for track honors.

We are very much pleased with the December issue of the PALM. It was certainly an interesting number and full of the right kind of Alpha Tau spirit.

A movement is on foot to change our rooms. We expect to rent a house which will be much more convenient and less expensive than the rooms we have now. There has been some talk of making an attempt to buy a chapter house which would be a fine move and is the only way to have things right. Nothing definite has been decided on as yet.

C. C. OLIVER.

MICHIGAN BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

A splendid Christmas vacation to the fellows was somewhat spoiled by the intelligence that our house had been damaged by fire during our absence. We owe a vote of thanks to the neighbors, so many of whom lent their aid in rescuing the furniture from the chemicals. Our losses were fully covered by insurance, but we have suffered many inconveniences during the course of repairs. In addition to the actual work necessary as a result of the fire, a thorough overhauling has been given the remaining rooms and by junior hop time our house will present the best possible appearance.

We will entertain a large house party on the occasion of the junior hop, the biggest social function of the year. All of the girls will be from out-of-town. Clark is chairman of one of the most important committees and is relied upon to furnish many of the ideas for the leading features of this year's hop.

Letchfield is chairman of one of the committees for the freshman banquet and Deakin has secured a place on one of the senior committees.

Beta Lambda was strong at the Pittsburgh Congress with fourteen men present and we have been entertained ever since that memorable occasion with accounts of the royal treatment accorded the fellows and of the big time which was constantly shown them.

We now have twenty-four men in the active chapter and the second semester will see us every bit as active and prosperous as during the forepart of the year.

J. E. HARKNESS.

MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON—ALBION COLLEGE.

The "wind-up" of last semester found the names of ten active men on the roll of our chapter, which is an increase of six members over what we had when college opened last fall. One did not return for the second semester, and in losing him we are robbed of our orator. He expects to return next year, however. Although the failure of Pryor to return took a man away from us, we have added another "pledgling" to our bunch. Wilson, of Grand Rapids, is the new man, and while he isn't initiated yet, we hope to introduce him to the Alpha Tau "goat" soon. He is sure to represent us on the baseball team this spring.

Although Fall, ex-'08, is no longer to be seen on the hill, he is with us every Saturday night and his presence is an inspiration to all.

We are represented in debates by Moore and Wells; Moore is one of the new members of the board of directors of the college "co-op." association; Smith, Jelsch and Bemer hold their end of the college band; Skidmore is president of the student senate, and—well, we are all into things, and if you don't believe it, come and make us a call and we'll show you.

CLARENCE BEMER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since the last PALM letter Wisconsin Gamma Tau has celebrated the second anniversary of its installation into Alpha Tau Omega and has sent its first delegate to a national convention. The anniversary was celebrated in accordance with the precedent set last year by a banquet.

The big social event of the mid-winter was the junior prom which was supplemented by the junior play, and other social affairs of "prom week" during which time we gave a house party. We were represented in the junior play by John Jones, who took the leading part.

A decided matrimonial tendency has recently shown itself among our alumni. Edgar E. Robinson, who was a member of the history department of the university at the first of the school year, was married to Miss Katherine Young, of Oconomowoc, on November 23. He resigned his position and removed to Florida. On December 23rd, J. Earl Baker was married to Miss Willie Smith, of Thomasville, Georgia, and on December 23rd, Clarence J. Rice was married to Miss Ada Marie Schempf, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We have received visits from Butler, Runey and Murphy, of Chicago:

Schutneck, of Minnesota; and Irving Hoefer, Raymond Hitchcock, A. A. Johnson, Pieer Southworth and John Murrish, of our own alumni.

Raymond Hitchcock, '07, has been elected to the Sigma Psi honorary fraternity this year. Ray seems to be out for all the honors coming his way. He was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa while at the university of Wisconsin. He is now an instructor in mathematics in Northwestern University. Walter Schulte, '10, has been elected to membership in Alpha Chi Sigma, the honorary chemical fraternity.

We have pledged Lucian A. Wood, of Fonda, Iowa.

OTTO FRANC BRADLEY.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO GAMMA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The prospects which Gamma Lambda had at the beginning of the year are being fulfilled. A number of the brothers hold student offices; Frank Walsh, president of the combined engineers, and Ranulph Hudston, vice-president of the medics, being the most prominent. Ray Taylor and Frazer Banks are out for basketball at which the latter is expected to make good. Frazer Banks is on the debating squad of twelve, from which all intercollegiate debaters will be chosen.

Fraternity affairs have not been neglected. Ray Taylor, as captain of our basketball team, has taken an active part in firmly establishing an inter-fraternity league. Under his leadership we expect to be victorious again. Our "Smokeless Smoker" on December 11, was a decided success. The "bar room" with its "drinks"; the Japanese room with the ices, and a "green room," whose walls and ceiling were hidden by pine boughs, were all centers of fun.

Last year the chapter adopted a plan of honoring those seniors and juniors who best represent the fraternity in student activities, or who endeavor to uphold the highest fraternity ideals. To each of the three men selected by a series of ballots was given a gold block "C" (Colorado) with the A. T. O. badge inside. The first awards were to Fred Hagen, Douglas Roller and Joe Ganst. So well did the plan succeed, both as an expression of appreciation for work already done and as an encouragement to others to try for the honor, that, in all probability, it will be continued permanently.

L. FRAZER BANKS.

CALIFORNIA GAMMA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

W. B. Sawyer returned from Pittsburgh on the day after the opening of college and brought to us the enthusiasm and spirit of the Congress. Distance makes it impossible for California Gamma Iota to send a large delegation to Congresses in the East but we hope to have several men in Atlanta two years hence.

We enjoyed the hospitality of F. A. Berlin, Virginia Beta, on the evening of January 16th, at his home in Alameda. The affair was in the nature of a reunion of the alumni with the active members. W. B. Sawyer gave a detailed account of his Congress experiences and several members of the alumni spoke of other Congresses, and of old days in A. T. O.

The members of the alumni of California Gamma Iota for the past month have met every Wednesday noon at lunch in San Francisco and hope to make this a permanent custom. All Alpha Taus are cordially invited to meet with them at these times at the Bismark Cafe on Market Street.

The spring term is now well under way with a full house for A. T. O. In college activities we have Lint, Stoner and Waud out for baseball, and Heger for the crew. Brand and Georgeson are both busy assisting in the management of the college annual.

Among our visitors this year have been Robert DeLand, of Washington Gamma Pi, and Alfred Ochs, of New York Beta Theta.

We are glad to hear of Dean Clark's appointment to the Stanford faculty and hope we will soon have the pleasure of meeting him. Within a few years our alumni association expect to have sufficient funds to purchase a lot and start the construction of a first-class fraternity house. By that time we hope to make a good bid for a Congress on the Pacific Coast.

KINGSLEY W. CANNON.

IOWA BETA ALPHA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Beta Alpha has passed successfully through the first semester of the year, and looks with feelings of pleasure and pride over the successes of the year so far, while she looks forward with hope and confidence for the remainder of the year. We gave our semester party December 1st, at the home of E. M. Holmes, in the form of an evening of reading and song given by Miss Mary Lewis Chambers, of Des Moines. We have pledged Harold Embree, of this city, since the last report. He played end on the football team this year and is now playing on the basketball team. Owing to a local Pan-Hellenic ruling we pledge no man till he has been in school one semester and has an average grade of 85 per cent. Pledge day comes February 13th. After that date we are expecting to have a bunch of new men to report.

Our four representatives to Pittsburgh report a fine time and have brought back a lot of valuable suggestions with them. A. J. Jordan, Mich. Alpha Mu, a prominent attorney of Des Moines, visited us recently; also a number of our alumni, Pryor, Dusenberry, Mott, Flint, Landsbury and Quint.

In the inter-society debates, three of the eight members are A. T. O's, Marshall, Stuart, Jenks, with Chambers as alternate. Just now we are working on a new house proposition and have a great part of the funds

raised, but at present we are laboring with faculty opposition. However, we think we can overcome the obstacles and are hoping to have a new chapter house in the near future.

W. RAY JENKS.

IOWA GAMMA UPSILON—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Between blizzards, Gamma Upsilon has been busy and even blizzards offer opportunities for a busy day around the chapter house. We have twenty men affiliated with the chapter this semester. H. F. Clemmer and Frank Dragoun have returned after a term's profitable employment in other than college duties.

Two new pledges, R. C. Colvin, of Chariton, Ia., and D. G. Porter, of Davenport, Ia., have been added to our prospectives. Baker, Swift and Keeny are out of school this semester since lucrative positions seem to hunt Alpha Taus, but we hope to have them with us during subsequent terms.

Thos. K. Willett, of Decorah, Ia.; R. E. Wilson, of Stanwood, Ia., and R. A. Taylor, of Jacksonville, Fla., have been initiated into our fraternity since the last PALM communication. Willett will be assistant trainer of the track team this spring; Wilson holds the second sack position on the 'varsity baseball team, and Taylor has a creditable part on the sophomore class play.

The chapter has been helped by the report and suggestions of our Congress delegate. These pointers are well heeded by Gamma Upsilon, for we realize we are yet very young as a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

F. W. SCHREIBER.

KANSAS GAMMA MU—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Gamma Mu begins the second term of this scholastic year with twenty-one men and two pledges—everyone a true Alpha Tau working for the interests of our fraternity. The two pledges are Ben. Marshall, of Meade, and Donald Martendell, of Lawrence, Kansas. We are also looking for a number of our old men to return for the spring term. Among them will be Dodderidge, of White City; Reid, of Howard; and Morris, of Eureka. Our chapter house is now filled to its capacity and the fraternity is in a flourishing condition.

In athletics this year we are setting the pace. Woodward is captain of this year's basketball team, which promises to be an ever victorious one, and Martendell is making good as forward; Van der Vries is also playing a star game on the freshman team.

Watson is captain of the university tennis squad, and Farnsworth and Wood are on the first team. Practice games have already commenced on the gymnasium courts and the spring's schedule will include a number of college teams in nearby states.

We will be represented on the track team by Mangelsdorf, Pierson, Ruggles, Woodward and Martendell. Martendell and Woodward were members of last year's team, and the former has a very promising outlook for the captaincy next year.

Baseball practice has started here in the gymnasium and three of our men are making good in the try-outs. Ruggles will try his luck at holding down first base; Burdick will be on the 'varsity pitching staff, and Van der Vries will be one of the pitchers on the freshman team.

In university honors outside of athletics we do not take a back seat. Woodward is chairman of the junior prom, the largest party of the year, given by the juniors in honor of the seniors. Tyler is a member of the senior annual board, and Fischer is a member of the sophomore prom committee, and is on the *Kansas* staff, the student publication. Lauren Armsby is instructing in the chemistry department of the university.

EARL FISCHER.

MINNESOTA GAMMA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the December letter we have initiated the following men: George Woods, Howard Sinclair, Nathan Garland, Thomas Patterson, Walter Barnes, Harlow Greene, Bill Davis and Carl Kiplinger. We now have the following pledges in college: Lawrence Barnard and Marshall Way.

As managing editor of the *Gopher*, Howard Williams is doing himself proud and this year's *Gopher* is destined to be the best one ever produced by a junior class at Minnesota. Johnnie McGovern was elected captain of the football eleven for 1909, at a banquet given for that purpose. Gamma Nu is also well represented in basketball, having Thomas Patterson on the regular quint, and Harlow Greene and Bill Davis on the freshman quint. Howard Williams was recently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in Co. C., of the first battalion. Harry Carroll was the manager of the Minnesota exhibit at the National Corn show, which was held in Omaha last December. Frank Donaldson made a hit at the annual freshman engineers' banquet. He gave a very humorous reply to the toast, "Fussing," of which he knows very little.

During the past few months we have been very glad to welcome Williams, of Washington Pi; Stiehm, of Wisconsin Gamma Tau; Keller, of Maine; Morris, of Minnesota Gamma Nu, and Streisguth, of Minnesota Gamma Nu.

JOHN MCKENZIE.

MISSOURI GAMMA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The chapter deeply regrets the sad distinction of being the only chapter not represented at the Pittsburgh Congress, but our delegate's absence was caused by circumstances entirely beyond his control. The

fraternity-at-large, however, need have no apprehension regarding the welfare of Gamma Rho. We were never in a more congenial and prosperous condition. Six new brothers have been initiated since January 1st. They are Fred Kleinsmith, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert Burns Hill, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Ben Fleming, Moberly, Mo.; Denver Davison, Kansas City, Mo.; Stockton Fountain, Centralia, Mo.; Webster N. Jones, Columbia, Mo.

We have organized a chapter orchestra with Burks, pianist; Kleinsmith, Nickell, Coleman and Roessell (pledge), mandolins; Roe, guitar, and Ammerman, violin. The essence of fraternalism is fostered during the hours after dinner around the log-fire "when the lights burn low and the hearts beat true." Internally we are possibly the most congenial crowd in the university and each one tries to exemplify the motto of our fraternity.

On December 9, 10 and 11, Dean A. Ross Hill, of Cornell, was inaugurated president of the University of Missouri. He had already served four years here as dean of the Teacher's College, and will make an ideal president. There is an active campaign on to induce the legislature to erect five new buildings and these, with the \$100,000 new Agricultural building now being built, will make the University of Missouri one of the greatest institutions in the West. The new department of Practical Journalism is attracting wide-spread attention and drawing students from all over the country.

Visiting brothers and friends are always welcome at 507 Hitt Street, our new address. If you want a genuine welcome we're from Missouri and can "show you."

WALTER BEN HARE.

NEBRASKA GAMMA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since our last letter, we have initiated the following: Ben. A. Bowers, '11, Lincoln; Guy E. Reed, '11, Lincoln; Clayburn E. Hooper, '12, Warren, Pa.; Robert O. Reddish, '11, Alliance, Nebr.; Frank A. Rumer, '12, Alliance, Nebr.; Bert A. Jacobson, '12, Louisville, Nebr. We have pledged D. C. Mitchell, of Lincoln. Bowers plays football, while Reed was captain of last year's freshman track team, and will make his "N" this year. Hooper, besides being a student, is assistant physical director. Mitchell is the university's best gymnast, and will try for the championship of the Middle West in that line in the spring.

E. H. Johnson is in school again, after being out a semester. We have twenty active men, not including pledges, and of these, fifteen now live at the house.

Reed is captain of the sophomore basketball team, and Flower is captain of the junior team. We have two men on each of these teams. Hutchison and Flower are both substitutes on the 'varsity basketball

team, but have made no trips as yet. We expect to enter the inter-frat indoor track meet next week and hope to make a good showing. In scholarship, our record this semester is a decided improvement over any semester in the past.

At the time of our last letter, we were more or less permanently located at 1645 E Street, but we have at last secured a place which is very satisfactory. Our new house is at 2603 "O" and is the finest fraternity house in Lincoln. We have a lease for two and one-half years, and at the end of that time we hope to be able to build.

At the time of the Kansas football game we were visited by J. N. Van der Vries, our province chief, and Farnsworth and Lobaugh. The Kansas chapter was represented here last week by Martindale and Captain Woodward of the K. U. basketball team. Williams, of Washington, visited us on his return from the Congress. Carroll, of Gamma Nu, and R. J. Carnahan, Gamma Theta, of Freeport, Ill., were recent visitors. Laird, Venrick, Giffen and Daily are Gamma Theta men, who have visited us. We see Ladd, of Gamma Nu, often, and have begun to look upon him nearly as one of our own alumni.

CLIFFORD SHOEMAKER.

WASHINGTON GAMMA PI—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Already we have begun to prepare ourselves for next semester. We have been assured by Van Dame and Anderson and one pledge, Claude Cade, Bellingham, Wash., that they will enter at that time. We have two or three prospects and at present everything looks very favorable.

Williams has returned from Congress and our whole time is taken up with his reports. He is very enthusiastic with this, as well as his visits to the Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Colorado chapters. Since our last letter, Thomas has been appointed chairman of the cap and gown committee; Myers has been elected a member of the Oval club, a junior inter-fraternity; Spurch has been appointed to take charge of the intercollegiate bowling tournament, and Roudebush has taken first place as a debater in the university, and will lead the Washington team against Idaho, at Seattle, some time next semester.

We have received visits from Van Brunt, Longiano, Sinks, Kirkwood, Harris, Hankerson, Ripper and Kelleran and several of the alumni of the local chapter.

The A. Y. P. Exposition is but a few months in advance. Our house is only a short distance from the entrance to the grounds and we are beginning to make preparations to receive all incoming Alpha Taus.

We expect all who come this way to be our guests while in the city. The doors of the Alpha Tau Omega house will always be open.

ELLSWORTH V. VACHON.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE BETA⁴ UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

This year Beta Upsilon certainly has her share of the athletic honors. Horace Cook, of Waterville, has been elected captain of the 1909 'varsity football team; Frank Wadsworth, of Sanford, is captain of the basketball team; Hugh Danforth, of Augusta, is to manage the baseball team this spring and Donald Oak, of Bangor, is assistant manager of the track team. At the present writing, Cook and R. Littlefield are at the B. A. A. games in Boston, running on the relay team. We look for great things from Littlefield in the quarter mile this spring.

Several of us recently enjoyed a short visit with Gamma Alpha, at Colby, taking the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the brothers there.

We have had the good fortune to have Province Chief George Maguire with us for several days during the past week. Our sincere wish is that in the future his visits will be more frequent and of longer duration.

Hall reports the Congress at Pittsburgh as the "greatest ever."

At present we have twenty-seven men in the house, Patterson, '11, having been initiated since the last letter to the PALM.

FRED W. NASON.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE.

The boys returned from the Christmas holidays with resolutions to make the new year one of the best in our chapter's history, socially, and in scholastic and athletic standing. Socially we hold our own with the other fraternities on the campus. In scholastic standing our fellows are at the top. Two of our men lead their classes. In athletics we are not as fortunate as in previous years, but we will have three or four men on the track team and two baseball men. Isaac Higginbotham, '11, makes an excellent reader for the college glee club, and Herrick, '12, is doing good work on the club and college orchestra. Hussey, '12, and Herrick, '12, have made the freshman society of Beta Upsilon. Dow, '10, is treasurer of the Massachusetts club and Fogwell, '10, is chairman of the executive committee of the same. The latter is also one of the editors of our annual college publication, *Colby Oracle*.

Applebee, '11, and Purdy, '12, have left college because of serious illness and will not return until next fall. Hatch, ex-'08, now of West Point, spent a few days with us previous to the holidays. He is the first in his class at the military school and is popular among the cadets.

E. W. Merrill, '09, returned from Congress full of life and Alpha Tau enthusiasm. His account of the treat, of its scenes of brotherly feeling and true fraternity spirit, gave us all a new zeal to endeavor to raise A. T. O., at Colby, to her own place, at the top, and we feel that Gamma Alpha is already nearing the goal.

The advantages of the new chapter house plan; that is, the scheme of having the dormitories remodeled into fraternity houses, are many and well appreciated. The reception given to the Massachusetts club by our Massachusetts delegation, was a most delightful affair. Many similar occasions are enjoyed during the college year and add much to the spirit and welfare of Gamma Alpha.

JEROME P. FOGWELL.

MASS. BETA GAMMA—MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

On the night of December 19th, we held our annual initiation banquet at the New American House. On this occasion we were glad to have with us Macomber, '07, who has been located in California, but is spending the winter months East. We were also glad to welcome Province Chief Maguire and Prof. F. G. Wren, Massachusetts Gamma Beta, and we were especially pleased to see that the other chapters in Province IV had accepted our invitation to be present; all of the chapters being represented. We spent a very enjoyable evening.

In accordance with our usual custom we gave a house party December 17th, the occasion being the winter concert and dance of the musical clubs. All who participated in the gayeties of the season report a pleasant time and await in a state of pleasurable anticipation a recurrence of the event.

We have been ably represented on the fencing team by Grubnau and Loring. The team has been successful in every contest to date.

Joslin and Goodwin are busy with plans for the coming "Tech Show," Joslin being general manager, and Goodwin, stage manager. As the "Tech Show" is the "main event" of the year, the performances being given during junior week, we are justly proud that A. T. O. is well represented.

We were very sorry that more of us could not attend the Congress in Pittsburgh, especially as our representatives, Joslin and Hooper, report that they had the best time ever. Nevertheless, we were represented in length if not in numbers as "Shorty" Hooper, one of our initiates, was elected official cheer leader.

During the month of December Macomber succeeded in getting together the A. T. O. alumni residing in Boston and vicinity, and organizing a Boston Alumni Association; a letter from the association, I suppose, appearing in the current issue of the PALM.

Since our last letter we have received visits from G. M. Thompson, Massachusetts Gamma Beta; W. R. Thompson, Massachusetts Gamma Beta, '08; J. H. Eaton, Vermont Beta Zeta, '03; M. C. Freeman, Maine Gamma Alpha, '94; P. A. Hanson, Brown Gamma Delta, '05; E. H. Swett, Brown Gamma Delta, '06; Robert W. Hill, Massachusetts Gamma Beta, '04; E. W. Danforth, Maine Beta Upsilon, '92; Bertram Eames,

Maine Beta Upsilon, '05; Prof. F. G. Wren, Massachusetts Gamma Beta, '94; Oliver A. Pope, New Jersey A. K., H. R. Frizzell, Massachusetts Gamma Sigma; Jackson, Massachusetts Gamma Sigma; and Oak, Maine Beta Upsilon.

J. C. ROGERS.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA—TUFTS COLLEGE.

The first half of the college year is now past and finds Gamma Beta chapter in a flourishing condition. We have initiated five men since our last letter, all of whom were then mentioned as pledge men, and have since pledged Stanley M. Brown, '12, of Chelsea, Mass.

On November 23, we held our usual Thanksgiving dinner at which the 'varsity football team was present as guests together with several of our alumni. A very pleasant time was the result and Alpha Tau Omega proved her ability to entertain.

On January 25th, we held our annual initiation banquet at the American House, Boston. About thirty-five were present, including alumni and delegates from the M. I. T.; Worcester P. I., and Brown chapters. The affair was a great success and enlivened throughout by a true Alpha Tau Omega spirit.

Two were present at the Congress and both returned full of spirit and enthusiasm which they imparted to their less fortunate brothers. We feel that much praise is due Hubbard, our delegate, who kept a note book of all the business of the meetings as well as his good times, so that he was able to give a thorough report of all that went on at the Congress.

Alpha Taus are keeping up their position socially as in the past, Cook and Ritschy being members of the musical clubs, while Cousin and Hubbard were speakers at the senior banquet, the latter being toastmaster. Ritschy and Atwood are representing the college on the basketball floor, and Hubbard and Swartz are members of the college relay team, the former as captain.

V. E. BLAGBROUGH.

MASS. GAMMA SIGMA—WORCESTER POLYTECH. INSTITUTE.

We have just finished the January "mid-years" and that, too, with good success. Morden, Wolcott, Kennedy and Classen are upon the "honor list" of the mechanical department.

Our new men initiated since the last letter are: Edward H. Classen, '11, Martin H. Jachens, '11, and Prof. Joseph O. Phelon. Prof. Phelon is a professor in the electrical engineering department and will bring us into much closer touch with the faculty. We have pledged John Poole, '12, Guy Hawkins, '12, and Lawrence Evans, '12.

Those of us who have recently become active in Tech affairs are: Twomey, who is business manager of the 1910 *Aftermath*; Morden, who is on the board of editors of the 1910 *Aftermath*; Classen, who is president of the sophomore class; Fritch, who is assistant business manager of the 1910 *Aftermath*, and Morden and Tabb, who are on the junior prom committee.

Though work has been plentiful we have had several very pleasant social gatherings. On October 3rd, Prof. G. H. Haynes gave a very interesting smoke talk on "Tips from Observations Made Abroad." On November 13th, Elmer H. Fish, an instructor in the mechanical department, gave a smoke talk to the brothers and invited guests on "Technical Opportunities as Illustrated by Graduates of the Institute." We had a whist party at the house December 11th which was enjoyed by the brothers and their lady friends.

We observed Founder's Day jointly with our Christmas celebration. After a fine dinner, which was enjoyed by everyone, we adjourned to the smoking room where several of the brothers received amusing presents. Then came the Founder's Day celebration. Lancaster read an interesting paper on the founding of A. T. O. Coolidge gave us an account of the origin of Gamma Sigma and several alumni expressed their pleasure at being with us again.

Our initiation banquet was held December 17th at the State Mutual Restaurant. The speakers included Province Chief Maguire; Grubnau, of M. I. T.; Richardson, of Brown; Root, of Tufts; Farnsworth, of our alumni, and Twomey, Morden, Coolidge, Classen and Howes, of our own chapter.

Brothers who have visited us are Bryer and Rogers, of M. I. T.; Swett, of Gamma Delta, and these of our alumni: Williams, Ronian, Harris, Sweet, Farnsworth, Sears and Young.

W. C. WATSON.

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Our first term is past, and our chapter has remained intact. The majority in the chapter had no difficulty with the term examinations in December, there being only four out of our chapter of twenty-four who failed in any examination.

As the Congress is uppermost in the minds of all at this issue, we might say that Rhode Island Gamma Delta was represented by eight men, five of the active chapter and three alumni brothers. Our newly organized Providence Alumni Association was represented by a delegate.

Efforts are being made at Brown to organize an inter-fraternity council, whose object it is to regulate the rushing season. Talk is also being made by the nineteen fraternities now existing here, of not recog-

nizing new fraternities which may be organized. Gamma Delta is not in favor of this policy, but rather advocates an open field as being the only just attitude toward the non-fraternity men.

Owing to the pressure of other matters, Founder's Day was not celebrated during the first term, but it was observed the first of the winter term. The chapter initiation banquet was held in December with forty-two brothers present, also delegates from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The chapter plans to give a dance shortly.

Nourse, '09, has been elected to the class day committee, receiving the highest number of votes of any of the successful nominees. He was also elected treasurer of the Taft club during the campaign season. Wilmarth, '10, has been elected treasurer of his class, is one of the junior editors of the *Liber Brunensis*, and is competing for its business managership. Bliss, '11, and Ehle, '11, played end and guard, respectively, on their class football team. Richardson, '11, is one of the four men nominated for assistant basketball manager and is working hard for the job. Skillings, '11, has been elected to the Brown banquet committee.

Barrows, '12, is second in the pool tournament, and will in all probability make the pool team, a new departure at Brown. Drury, '12, made the bowling team and is putting up a strong game. Pahline, '12, is out for the swimming team. Blanchard, '12, is out for the track team in the long distance runs. Barrows, '12, and Warner, '12, are in the 'varsity squad of baseball candidates.

The annual Brown banquet will take place in April, and if any brother reading this letter knows of any prep. school men coming to Brown, we would be glad to get their names in order to invite them to this banquet as our guests. We thank brothers who have already put us in touch with prep. school men, and think that this is a great scheme for all chapters to give attention to.

The chapter will enter a team in the inter-fraternity track meet, an innovation for the college this year, and should have a good team in the inter-fraternity baseball league.

H. R. VON BARGEN.

VERMONT BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

We have initiated H. R. Murdock, of Taunton, Mass., and S. F. Marsh, of Barre, Vt. With the addition of these men to our freshmen, we now have, undoubtedly, the best of the 1912 class.

Since we are geographically secluded we do not have as many visits from members of other chapters as we would like, but it is my pleasant duty to say that Beta Zeta received a visit from Province Chief Maguire, whom we would be glad to see more often.

In the afternoon of November 5, Beta Zeta held her annual initiation

and in the evening, the fraternity banquet at Dorn's Restaurant which was very pleasantly carried out, and an occasion of much expression of brotherly love and true A. T. O. spirit. Tupper, Jacobs, Hagar, Blake, Smith and Simonds, alumni members, spoke and added a great deal of spirit and enthusiasm to the occasion. On the following evening Beta Zeta gave her annual initiation dance at Masonic Temple which was tastily decorated for the occasion.

We are in the midst of mid-years now, and everybody is working hard to "hit" their examinations, although we are confident that we will get by all right. For a bit of recreation during the exams., we have had excellent skating and ice-boating on Lake Champlain.

Since the last letter we have received visits from Moore, a graduate of Colby; Hutchinson, '03, Hauenstein and Eaton, '04.

Chase attended the initiation banquet of Massachusetts Beta Gamma and reported a mighty enjoyable time. Crowell, as Beta Zeta's delegate, gave us a stirring account of the Pittsburgh Congress, and of the pleasure and benefit which he received. He said that by attending that Congress his enthusiasm and his love for A. T. O. were increased many fold. Dix and Sanford also expressed themselves as greatly pleased and benefited by the Congress. Beta Zeta's only regret is that we were not all there.

Murdock and White, '12, have made the glee club, while McMahon and Chase, '09, are on the mandolin club. Otherwise the honors are the same as in the last letter.

A. A. BEARD.

PROVINCE V.

NEW YORK ALPHA LAMBDA—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

We have, since the last letter, held an initiation for the benefit of S. O. Duck, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Aside from this event and a smoker or two, our attention has mainly been given over to the mid-years. Consequently, news is scarce in our little world.

We are all looking forward to our annual banquet, which is slated for the early part of April, and is now in the hands of a committee. It is the big event in our chapter, and we are sacrificing everything else this year to make it a success.

The "grave and reverend" seniors in the chapter seem to be devoting themselves with energy to their studies, and will, in all probability, deprive the chapter of their experience, etc., after next June. I suppose the next epistle will contain some reference to the appalling blow thus to fall upon the chapter. The June PALM usually contains some fifty-seven such references. Most of the chapters live through one every year, and I guess it must be good for them, as they seem to thrive under the treatment.

CHARLES RIVERS CARROLL.

NEW YORK BETA THETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

During the past three months, we have been busy with university work but have initiated R. G. Handy, '10, and have pledged W. R. Egbert, '12. The final examinations are now on and we expect to come through in good shape.

In college activities, we have done well and have men on the various class committees. There are four A. T. O's on the musical clubs, R. Smallman, F. M. White, Armstrong and Handy. On the class committees, we have Battey, senior ball committee; Ebeling, class day committee; Knibloe, chairman of junior feed committee; Handy, chairman of informal junior smoker; Beattie, sophomore banquet; Oyster, sophomore stunt; Clark, freshman banquet.

Athletics are at a standstill now, although the 'varsity baseball squad has been called out. Ebeling and Kneeland are candidates and several of the freshman have decided to try for the class baseball and track teams.

The house is in good condition and as a house warming, we had a week-end party for the Amherst game last November and had an enjoyable time. We had a small house party for junior week as quite a few of us were unable to get girls and on that account, we did not give our biennial dance this year. We are planning to do some entertaining during the coming term and to accomplish this, a committee consisting of a senior, junior and a sophomore has been appointed.

Beta Theta was represented at the Congress by five men and all of them had a good time meeting the delegates, and we urge all that can to go to Atlanta in 1910, if it is possible for them to get there.

NEW YORK ALPHA OMICRON—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

At last our dream of many years has come true and Alpha Omicron has a chapter house of her own. In our last letter to the PALM we gave a detailed description of the property we hoped to purchase. It is ours and had we built it ourselves we could not have constructed a more ideal club house in every detail.

The active chapter can not find words with which to adequately express its feeling of gratitude to the loyal alumni who so generously gave to the house fund which has made possible this opportunity to enjoy such an excellent home. We believe that without doubt, we can boast of having one of the best chapter houses in the fraternity, and by far the best one that will ever be seen at St. Lawrence University.

As soon as we were settled in our new quarters we gave a reception which was generally conceded to be the greatest social event in the history of the university. It was a very formal affair, and was held during the afternoon and evening. The faculty and students, and nearly all the leading citizens of the town took advantage of the opportunity to inspect our new home.

The house was artistically decorated throughout with electric Japanese lanterns and candles and a profusion of college and fraternity pennants and seals. Our electric Maltese Cross over the front entrance illuminated the wide verandas and spacious lawn, lighting the walk from the street to the house under a graceful arch of overhanging shade trees. Many of our guests remarked that, viewed from the street the house took on more the appearance of an ancient castle than a Greek letter fraternity club house.

On the night following the reception we gave an informal house party. All our Alpha girls were present and had an opportunity to test the excellence of the floors in waltz and two-step.



A. T. O. HOUSE—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

But while Alpha Omicron has been doing some shining in the social line, we have also been more than holding our own in other departments of college life. Athletics are never overlooked by our chapter. St. Lawrence has one of the best basketball teams in the East this year, and A. Calder is the captain and star of the team. In fact, many of the sporting editors of Eastern dailies have mentioned him as a forward of All-American calibre. We are also represented on the team by R. Calder, G. W. Dodds and F. A. Dyer. The Calder brothers are considered the mainstay of the team. We have won eight out of twelve games played so far this season. Among the vanquished are Syracuse University, Manhattan College, St. John's College and Hamilton College, and all these games were played on the opponents' courts. The games lost have all been abroad and by very close margins. Cornell won at Ithaca by only three points. We will get even at St. Lawrence. We also hope to reciprocate the courtesies shone our fellows by the Cornell chapter.

In every game A. Calder was at once recognized as a star player, and a special effort was made by his opponents to smother him. But in spite of the concentration of guards on his back, in several games he scored within a few points of the entire St. Lawrence score. Out of the 323 points St. Lawrence has made this season, he has rolled up a total of 186. On the second team we are represented by O'Brien (Capt.), and Allen and Welsh. Van Brocklin is manager and has arranged a fine schedule. M. C. O'Brien is captain of the 'varsity baseball team this year, and has already had his men hard at work on indoor practice. All indications are that it will be largely an Alpha team again this year. R. Calder was the unanimous choice of the team for football captain for next year. F. A. Dyer is business manager of the university dramatic club. O'Brien was chosen president of the senior class.

Preparations are under way for the ball which will be held April 16th. It has always been considered the social event of the college year, and O'Brien, who is chairman of the ball committee, is determined to spare no efforts to make this the best ever given. You are all cordially invited.

Founder's Day was observed by the chapter in a fitting manner. A special program for the good of the order was prepared and carried out by the upper class men, who were ably assisted by speeches by some of our distinguished alumni who were present on that occasion. Beginning with next term we are going to have a series of special exercises for the good of the order which will continue during the remainder of the year.

With Laidlaw as director, we have organized a chapter orchestra of seven pieces. There are some in the freshman class who are fairly clever on the mandolin and violin, and on the whole the results are very entertaining.

The chapter was highly interested in A. Calder's report of the proceedings of the Congress at Pittsburgh. Our only regret is that we were not all able to attend and get the pleasure first handed.

C A. WATSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA—MUHLENBERG COLLEGE.

The new names which appear on our enrollment are the following: Vincent Bennett, '12, Adam Miller, '12, Jay Trexler and Prof. Cyrus Williston. The last named is assistant professor in the scientific department of our institution, and during the absence of W. H. Reese, who is taking a post-graduate course at the University of New York, has sole charge of that department. While we rejoice in our new additions we lament the withdrawal of Boyer from college. As yet, Boyer has not determined what vocation he is going to pursue.

Among the men elected to fill positions on the *Muhlenberg* staff

are the following brothers: Bossard, editor-in-chief; Aberly, Athletic editor, and Rudolph, Personal editor.

At the annual play, given by the Allentown College for Women, "The Climbers," by Clyde Fitch, was presented. Sanders took the part of "Johnny Trotter."

Two members of our active chapter attended the recent Congress, Fink and Stettler. The latter served us faithfully and efficiently as delegate. His report to the chapter rang with an optimistic note from beginning to end and it could not be otherwise than that each brother present at that meeting was inoculated with a new and refreshed spirit of Alpha Tauism. In his report, Stettler offered some valuable suggestions and it is an assured fact that, if they are carried out, Alpha Iota will be deservedly benefited. One of these suggestions was a constant application to the study of our constitution and secret work. A certain portion of every meeting night is reserved for this purpose and if the brothers are diligent in this pursuit, results will undoubtedly soon show their effectiveness.

A signal circumstance happened to our chapter during December and January. Nearly at every meeting during those two months, one or two alumni were present. We should be exceedingly gratified to have this occur oftener, for the few words that the visiting alumni say to the chapter do more good in keeping us on the right road than any other influence. The admonition and advice of our older as well as younger alumni are always welcome to us. By coming in contact with them in this capacity, new ideas of what our chapter ought to do and what not to do are formed.

Unfortunately our chapter is numbered with those that have no "card system" by which to keep in touch with all their members. Through negligence this matter has been delayed by us from time to time, but the present W. K. A. is busy gathering information necessary to inaugurate such a system. Should this letter come to the notice of any of our alumni who have changed their address or their occupation since the last letter they received from the W. K. A., will such parties kindly notify the correspondent of their changes. This information is indispensable in compiling a correct system, so we ask all alumni to whom this applies, to help alleviate the W. K. A. task by supplying this needful information.

JNO. E. HARTZELL.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter it has been the pleasure of Alpha Rho to have had several smokers at which many of our alumni were present. At the last one we were more than pleased to have with us William D. B Ainey, of Montrose, Pa., one of our charter members. Mr. Ainey was

well pleased by the enthusiasm that his brothers are exhibiting in trying to place Alpha Rho among the topmost chapters of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Enzian, Vockrodt, Reno, Brunner, M. L. Smith and G. Fox visited us during the latter part of November and stayed over for the Lehigh-Lafayette football game.

At the Congress at Pittsburgh we were represented by Wm. E. Sturges, Jr., W. E. Smith, F. Vockrodt, J. M. Raine, W. K. Dunbar, J. Bray, C. B. Digby, O. J. Haller and C. W. Barwis. They all thoroughly enjoyed the various events.

Founder's Day was also celebrated since our last letter and the event gave the older brothers a chance to tell the incoming men what Alpha Tau Omega stands for—its purpose and meaning. Addresses were delivered by S. R. Young, '09, and C. H. Rhodes, '10. Young's address was on "The History of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity; its Foundation and Rise." Rhodes' address was on "The History and Rise of Alpha Rho." Both addresses were very good and the incoming men paid much attention.

Hagenbuch, '09, has been selected for the glee club. Hagenbuch, '09, and Wolfe, '09, members of last year's dramatic association, "The Mustard and Cheese," are again out for it as well as Toohy, '10, and Dampman, '12.

FRANK S. MICKLEY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON—GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

In November we closed a very successful football season under the efficient coaching of Brumbaugh, '07. But two defeats are marked against us, and they were caused by University of Pennsylvania and University of Pittsburgh, while six victories are to our credit. Phillipy at quarter, and Wentzel at end, proved to be the stars of the team. Since the opening of our basketball season, Phillipy and Breitenreiter have easily won places on the team. Breitenreiter has especially distinguished himself at centre.

Raby was chosen by the faculty as undergraduate engineer of the track now under construction on Nixon Field. He was also elected captain of the track team, and has called out all candidates for practice.

Since our last letter we have initiated C. E. Wentzel, of Bellwood, Pa., who is a member of the freshman class. S. I. Bloomhardt, '12, has also been pledged. This raises the active chapter to twelve and gives us five pledges. Other honors which have fallen to members of our chapter are McCaw, '11, and Burd, '12, members of their respective class banquet committees; Denene, '13, pledged, manager of the prep. basketball team; Raby, elected member of the honorary society, Pen and Sword.

The brothers all derived great benefit and found great enjoyment at the Pittsburgh Congress during vacation. Every active member was there but one. Twelve of our worthy alumni were on the grounds also. Words are inadequate to express effectively the good times we had and the lessons in good fellowship which we derived from mingling with so many brothers and the knowledge we gained of the workings of our national body. With such a large chapter delegation there, we were not to be deprived of a dance, and accordingly through the efforts of two of our men, J. N. Hartman, '06, and Breitenreiter, '11, a small dance was enjoyed in Bellefield Hall, near the Schenley, on the Saturday evening following the Congress. About twenty couples were present and it was altogether enjoyable. Since our return we have spent a very pleasant evening at a smoker at which time we recalled the pleasant memories of our Congress experiences. On February 3, the first dance of the year was held in the house, and we have a very swell time to report.

M. B. BENDER.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Mid-year examinations are now a thing of the past, and Pennsylvania Tau has settled down for the hard work of the second term. The fellows returned from the Congress full of enthusiasm. They brought with them many new ideas for the betterment of our chapter.

Everything is in a most prosperous condition. The prospect of a new house is looming up much closer than before. The alumni have taken up the project with a determination to see their chapter most favorably located and success is assured.

We have initiated Budd Eakin Van Sweringen, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Under the management of Williams, the combined musical clubs had a most successful trip. We have five other men on the clubs. Bates, Moore, Stretch and Warren are trying for the chorus of the "Mask and Wig." Caldwell is one of the stars in the annual play of the Architectural Society; while Gebhart and Hall represent the mob in the same production.

Waite is captain of the wrestling team. Swartz, of Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon, wrestles in the heavyweight. The former is intercollegiate champion in the 145-pound class.

Whiteside has recently been elected to the board of the *Red and Blue*, the monthly literary journal.

A number of men from other chapters have visited us during the past few months. We were mighty glad to have had them with us and hope that more will follow their example when in this vicinity.

WILLIAM J. RYNICK

PROVINCE VI.

NORTH CAROLINA XI—TRINITY COLLEGE.

The annual initiation of February 6 added to our active chapter seven new men, namely: A. E. Burgess, J. W. Burgess, N. S. Paindexter, J. T. Nicholson, Jr., George Matton, Joseph Speed and H. L. Wilson. We are justly proud of these new members and take pleasure in presenting them to the fraternity. The initiation will be remembered as one of the best in our history. We were favored by the attendance of several members of A. D., who, together with our town alumni, the active chapter and the new men, made quite a crowd of A. T. O's.

After the ceremonies an informal banquet was served, fraternity feeling ran high, and the evening, or rather the morning, will be remembered as one of real pleasure and a time spent and enjoyed as only brothers of the maltese cross can. During the smoker which followed, talks were made by alumni, members of A. D., and also the freshmen, who, although much battered and torn, acquitted themselves like men. Before this goes to press we will have initiated J. B. Bruton, of Wilson, N. C., who has been pledged since February 6th.

The election of C. S. Warren, as chief manager of commencement exercises, and of Joseph Burgess, as president of the freshman class, are two honors which have recently come our way, a list of which includes every phase of college activity. Flowers, who was at the receiving end on last year's baseball team, is again making good in the same position.

P. F. HANES.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA XI—COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON.

At this time of the year the chapter is busy preparing for the pleasure of mid-term examinations, and although we are a little uneasy, we expect to pull through all right. We are cheered on by the thought that immediately after exams., comes our biggest dance, the college ball. Simons is chairman of the ball committee, and, of course, his committee is made up principally of Alpha Taus. Since our last letter we have initiated Benjamin P. Barron. Our chapter now numbers eleven and it would be hard to find eleven more enthusiastic A. T. O's in the country.

Smith, our delegate to the Pittsburgh Congress, brought back not only a stirring and interesting account of the Congress, but also a good assortment of jokes and laughs. One of his best and one which especially appealed to our chapter, was about one of the younger and less experienced delegates, who, when the champagne was served, tasted it, smacked his lips, remarked that it was excellent beer, and asked if it was made in Pittsburgh. Smith's description of his "doings" at Congress raised our fraternity spirit to a high pitch and all the brothers determined to do something to help the cause of Alpha Tau Omega.

We have a little feast every Saturday night after frat meeting and we find that it adds a great deal to the pleasure of the evening. Last Saturday night we entertained at a smoker for the alumni.

The chapter has been honored recently by visits from two brothers, Barnwell, of Georgia Beta Iota, and Byrd, of Texas Gamma Eta. The visits of these brothers were beneficial as well as pleasant. Todd was recently elected captain of next year's football team. He played right half-back last season, and was one of the star players on the team.

On the first of March we are going to move into much pleasanter rooms in a new bank building on King Street, Charleston's principal business street. This building when completed, will be by far the most handsome building on the street, and so, of course, we are very proud of ourselves. The location is much better than our present rooms, and we expect to have more of the alumni present at our meetings.

SIMEON HYDE.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Since the December letter, we regret to report that our ranks have been thinned by the loss of three men. Dunn, of the law school, is in business for himself, and MacLean is working in Washington. Watkins, after undergoing a serious operation in December, has been recuperating since at his home in Henderson, N. C. The chapter enjoyed a visit from him on February 6th.

On that date eight of us helped our Trinity brothers in Durham, to transform seven mighty good freshmen into seven mighty good Alpha Taus, and then enjoyed a bountiful old-time Southern banquet. Our visit was most enjoyable to everyone of us.

McNeill and Stinson are singing in the glee club. Avery is assistant manager of the 'varsity baseball team. Patterson is one of the commencement marshalls and Don. McRae and McNeill are two of the seven ball managers. McRae is on the committee from the senior class for junior week and the prom.

The two delegates returned from Pittsburgh with most enjoyable reminiscences of that convention and brought us an increase of A. T. spirit and ideals which we hope to evince during this term and always.

DONALD RAY.

VIRGINIA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

We have had the pleasure of receiving Andrew Harper Caldwell, of Tennessee Alpha Tau, upon our active roll.

Carl Walker, our delegate, came back from the Congress full of enthusiasm.

College Topics has prospered under the able management of Albert

Bolling. He has been equally an adept in convincing advertisers of the merits of space in *Topics* and in leading graceful figures in the January Germans.

Jack Myers is a charming little dark-eyed lass in the chorus of "The King of Kong." Carl Walker, champion southpaw of this neck of the woods, and star of last year's staff, is out for baseball. Ray Hendricks has an excellent chance for catcher.

After this year, the law course at the university will be three years in length, so we shall have our law brothers with us longer than at present. Plans are being made for a handsome new law building.

Some of the chapter had the pleasure of seeing Robt. W. Bingham, of Louisville, and W. P. Herbert, M. D., '07, who is on his way to Vienna, where he will perfect himself in his profession, upon their recent visits to the university. We hope to have quite a number of our alumni with us in the spring.

GARY W. ALEXANDER.

PROVINCE VII.

OHIO ALPHA NU—MT. UNION COLLEGE.

Returning to school after the holidays, we found our home much improved, having been painted, papered, and otherwise fixed up, making it a very nice place, indeed.

Since our last letter we have initiated Geiger, O'Brien and Porter, and expect to take King and Fritchley into the fold in the near future. From all indications the chapter will be larger by the end of the year, than it has been for the past two years. Irwin, and perhaps one or two others of the old men, will be with us in the spring. We were well represented at the Congress by Monahan, Lane and Wallace, and about twenty of our alumni. All reported the greatest time of their lives, and came back with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

With the coming of our new president, Rev W. H. McMasters, in the spring, we look forward to a great boom at Mt. Union, and will see to it, that Alpha Nu goes forward with the rest.

In the midst of our other affairs, we still find time to hold our own in society. On the evening of January 19th, the chapter took advantage of the sleighing, making a trip out into the country, where we enjoyed a fine supper and had a general good time.

We have been compelled to postpone the date of our annual banquet, which will be held on or about March 20th. Lieut. E. E. Scranton, of the U. S. S. Georgia, who will arrive at Hampton Roads on February 21st, and whose home is in Alliance, will, no doubt, be with us.

An alumni association has been formed in Alliance, which will be a great help to the active chapter. We are proud to learn of the appoint-

ment of one of Alpha Nu's men, Prof. E. F. Eldredge, to the position of Province Chief, and feel confident that Bro. Hickok did wisely in choosing him as his successor.

We are justly proud of the scholastic standing of our men, and feel sure that evidences of the same can be easily noticed as the school year advances.

P. M. NULTON.

OHIO ALPHA PSI—WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Ohio Alpha Psi now consists of twenty active members. Four of the pledges whom we mentioned in our last letter to the December PALM were initiated the week following Thanksgiving, namely, Ralph Patterson, Arthur Kuhlman, Chester Miller and Kyle Neer.

Kline is again with us, having returned to school at the beginning of the second semester. We are more than pleased to have him again in our midst as he is of great worth to us during the rushing season.

Plans are now on foot for the building of a new chapter house as the one in which we are now located is not capable of meeting the needs of the growing chapter, and we are all looking forward in eager expectation to the time when our fondest hopes will be realized.

As concerns the social world we are still in the ring. Since the Christmas vacation we have had several social affairs. Arrangements have been completed for a Valentine dance to be given on the evening of February 12th. On Friday evening, February 5th, we were entertained at Aberfelda Hall, the residence of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Hiestand. The evening was spent very pleasantly and at a late hour luncheon was served.

In scholarship we still occupy the place we have always held. All the fellows stand well in the estimation of their professors. In athletics we will be represented by Ridge, who was unanimously elected captain of the baseball team by the W. men of last year. Miller will pitch for the 'varsity.

ARTHUR C. DALE.

OHIO BETA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Beta Eta began the winter term with renewed interest occasioned in part by the preparations for the coming conclave, and by the fact that three of the initiated men did not return to school this term—Mitchell, who is attending commercial school at Quincy, Ill., prior to taking up a business profession; Adams, who is teaching in Honolulu, Hawaii, but, who will return next fall and Thompson, who is at home. We secured one pledge at the opening of the term, Ben Gullett, of Carbondale, Ill., and consider ourselves most fortunate.

Just now Beta Eta considers itself the most fortunate chapter on the roll and it has ample occasion to be, for it is not the privilege of every chapter to live within a few blocks of the Worthy Grand Chief of the fraternity. To have Hickok preach to us at church and talk in fraternity meetings, banquets and initiations is a treat we always enjoy.

In basketball this term, since the advent of Thompson and the injury of Potts, Daniels alone is upholding our standard, is playing left forward on the team and is by far its speediest player. On the track team he is an invaluable quarter-miler and relay man. J. Fred Potts, our former football and baseball captain, has signed a contract with the Portsmouth club of the Ohio State baseball league to play this summer. He will graduate from the university, however, before reporting. Scott and Little are playing on the freshman basketball team. We expect to have at least three men on the baseball nine this spring.

Among the visitors at the house during the past month were Loren W. Loy, '03, J. Paul Thompson, '04, C. C. Cleveland, T. R. Yates, E. Durbin, L. W. Murray and others, while frequent visits have been exchanged with the Beta Omega boys.

The university still continues to expand. At the opening of the present term Sanborn Hall, the new \$50,000 art building, was completed and opened, making in all twelve buildings on the campus, while the number of students are increasing each term, the total now reaching eleven hundred, exclusive of the medical school in Cleveland. Wesleyan now holds, without a doubt, the undisputed claim to the best and largest athletic field and gymnasium in Ohio. A new and elaborate chemistry building is soon to be erected and other plans and improvements are being considered. At a recent meeting of the board of directors, Lynn W. St. John, of Ohio Beta Mu, at Wooster, was elected head coach and director of athletics for the coming year.

C. S. JACKSON.

OHIO BETA MU—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Since the first of the year, Ohio Beta Mu has been indulging in a season of rejoicing over the fact that an alumnus of the chapter has attained to the highest place of honor in the fraternity. It is to only a few chapters that this distinction can come, and we feel correspondingly elated. We can not help but think of the example thus set us, and the election of Paul R. Hickok means renewed enthusiasm and higher aspirations for the advancement of Alpha Tau Omega.

To our great sorrow Hayes, the best basketball center in the state last year, has left us to continue his work at Princeton. We expect soon to hear of his tearing things loose in the basketball line at that institution. Coincident with the withdrawal of Hayes came the initiation of a new brother, Clarence S. Gee, of Ashtabula, Ohio, this serving in

part to mitigate the sadness. This initiation was the most impressive ever conducted by Beta Mu, the ceremonies being presided over by Worthy Grand Chief Hickok, his first initiation since being inducted into office. Since our last letter we have initiated two other men, Clyde A. Waugh, Boling Green, O., and Carl S. Gladfelter, Springfield, O., whom we now introduce to the Alpha Tau world.

Our university, somewhat unfortunate in its football season, is striving to regain lost prestige by victory in the world of basketball. We were state champions last year, and our thus far unbroken string of victories augurs well for this year. Two Alpha Taus, Blaser and Compton, are contributing their share to the good cause. The voice of Alpha Tau is also heard in the glee club, four of the sixteen members being Alpha Taus. They are Meldrum, Bunn, Herbert and Guinther. Preparations are now being made for the annual trip which is to be made during the spring vacation.

The semester examinations have just come to a close, and all the brothers report success. We have the reputation of never having had a flunker, and we mean to sustain it. We also believe that Alpha Tau has a larger number of men standing at the very front in their classes, and a higher general scholastic average than any other fraternity in school.

Fraternity life at Wooster is somewhat hampered by the restraints placed by the faculty. We are trying to bring them to a better realization of the place and aim of the college fraternity, by each Sunday inviting to dinner some member of the faculty and his wife. We believe that the plan will bear fruit.

ROBERT GUINThER.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA—WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY.

The first half of our college year has drawn to a close, and Ohio Gamma Kappa feels that it has passed one of the best semesters in its career. More than ever before, there seems to exist a true A. T. O. spirit among the fellows, and everyone is taking a keen interest in college life and the fraternity. Since the beginning of the year we have had the pleasure of visits from many of the alumni of our own chapter, besides visits from Depree, of Michigan B. O.; Cousins, of Massachusetts G. B., and Blaser, of Ohio B. M. We have recently adopted the plan of sending out to the alumni of the city and all the alumni of our chapter an occasional letter to keep them more closely in touch with our chapter and chapter affairs. We hope in this way to arouse in the alumni a greater interest in our chapter and make them realize that we have a great interest in them.

On November 14th, we had a most enjoyable time at a house party, while on the evening of January 15th, Depree celebrated his birthday

at the house. Most of the fellows attended the alumni banquet on December 14th, at which Paul R. Hickok, our recently chosen Worthy Grand Chief, and "Uncle" George Schwartz, of Ohio B. M., were guests of honor. Four of our active men, together with several of the alumni, attended the Congress at Pittsburgh—and here let me say that those who made the trip are unanimous in expressing their gratitude to the Pittsburgh Alumni Association for the hearty welcome they received, and in congratulating them on the excellent manner in which they conducted every detail of the Congress.

In school activities this year our fraternity continues to be well represented. Barney and Corlette won R's on the football field, while Troyan received one for managing the team. We have one brother on the basketball team, two on the student council, one on the athletic board, four in the musical clubs, four on the editing board of the *Reserve Weekly*, and several others holding various class offices. Reserve has been running a bowling tournament this year, and so far Jaster heads the list, not having lost a single match, while Henn is a close second.

Though there still remains another semester before the close of school, we have started to look for material for our chapter for next year. The university gave a reception to high school seniors on January 21st, and we have held three or four rushing parties. We already have our eyes on two or three town men and are in touch with several out-of-town men who expect to enter Reserve next year, and who appear as promising candidates for A. T. O. Before the college year closes we shall probably have two or three pledged men and a good foundation for our fall rushing.

WM. J. ROOKE.

PROVINCE VIII.

TENN. ALPHA TAU—SOUTHWESTERN PRES. UNIVERSITY.

Two of our loyal members, Marshall and Watson, were unable to return after the holidays. Both have been with us two years and have always had the greatest interests in Alpha Tau's welfare; hence we deeply deplore their loss.

Baddley recently made us a most pleasant visit. While he doubtless much enjoyed being again with us, we have good reason to believe that he was drawn here by another magnet, namely: a fair co-worker. Luck to Hugh!

J. W. Jervey, our Province Chief, aroused our somewhat latent energies to attempt greater achievements for A. T. O. than she has yet enjoyed. Jervey is "right there with the credentials" when it comes to inspiring a chapter to fulfil its duties, both at home and to the fraternity-at-large. All our brothers seem to have imbibed much of the spirit of this honorable brother.

S. P. U. still maintains her excellent record in basketball. She has defeated several strong teams and has not yet faced a superior. We are proud to claim Cheek at center, F. Allen at forward, and W. Allen as a promising sub.

Baseball prospects also look good. F. Allen, W. Allen and Byrnes, in their old places, and Matthews as manager, will represent us in this department. Probably some of our other brothers will make good.

Cheek, our delegate to Congress, reports a most enjoyable time. On hearing him tell of the great occasion we all wished we could have shared the pleasure with him.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the A. T. O. fraternity our new brothers, namely: McLain, McMillan, Raines and Gray. We feel that we were very fortunate in securing these brothers. They show in every respect the true Alpha Tau spirit. In all phases of college life they are reflecting credit upon Alpha Tau.

H. H. THOMPSON.

TENNESSEE BETA PI—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Beta Pi is daily growing into the most enthusiastic and most thoroughly organized chapter in this province. Since the timely and opportune visit of our Province Chief, Jervy, the chapter at Vanderbilt has made rapid strides towards fraternal efficiency. It so happened that our chief arrived in Nashville on the very night of the weekly chapter meeting. The welcome accorded him by his brothers was spontaneous and enthusiastic. In all there were twenty-four members present at the meeting, and each expressed his feelings for the fraternity and an open-hearted welcome to our chief. In response Jervy made an excellent appeal to the men to foster the fraternity spirit, and in a word to become all that is expected of an Alpha Tau Omega.

Every member in the fraternity here spent Christmas at the family fireside. Upon their return they were greeted with the gladsome news brought from the Pittsburgh Congress by Bolling and Moore, who represented Beta Pi at this grand function. Their narrations of what happened during that "epoch making" period in December, sent a thrill tingling through the veins of the assembled chapter and gave rise to another demonstration of true Alpha Tau spirit. It is an assured fact that over half of Beta Pi's chapter will attend the 1910 Congress to be held in Atlanta. The Alpha Taus at Vanderbilt have effected more organization and true fraternity spirit during the past four months than was ever accomplished before in triple that length of time by any previous chapter.

A movement has already been set on foot to organize and perpetuate an alumni association in Nashville. Jervy is the guiding hand in this new scheme of reunion; while W. E. Bolling, one of Beta Pi's most enthusiastic workers, is looking after details and preliminaries here in

the city. The outcome of all this will surely mark a new era in Alpha Tau spirit throughout the state.

The chapter enjoyed a successful dance on the night of February 6th given in the parlors of their house on Hays Street, the occasion marking the close of examinations throughout the university.

PHIL. M. CANALE.

TENNESSEE BETA TAU—UNION UNIVERSITY.

The second school term opened with sky-blue and old gold floating as proudly as ever. R. E. Sullivan, '11, and W. Dean, '10, have been initiated into the mysteries of A. T. O. since our last chapter letter. We have our eyes on some good material and hope to increase our number in the near future. C. E. Warford is captain of the tennis team for this year. We are very glad to have in our city, Mathis, of Tennessee Pi, and hope that he will meet with us often. Our chapter has lately been visited by Jervy, our Province Chief, and we hope he will not make this his last visit. Trout, Patton and Foster meet with us often. We are always glad to have them with us. Carmack has been on the sick list for several months and is now undergoing an operation in Nashville.

S. M. HERRON.

TENNESSEE OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Football season with its series of victories and defeats has come and gone, and we are now beginning to realize what the change from a summer to a winter term has meant to us.

In athletics basketball now occupies the students. We are ably represented in this phase of college life by Sackett, Galbraith, S. McGowan, Storey, Puckette and Ravenel.

We were sorry to lose Bauchelle, but hope that he will enjoy his life at Alabama, which will enable him to live at home and continue his college course.

Our delegate was carried away by his reception and entertainment at Congress and by the brothers from other chapters whom he met there. And thus, indirectly, Omega wishes to thank our hosts.

At present there are a number of fraternity dances which are informal but enjoyable. We expect to give ours on February 4th.

We are all very studious getting ready for mid-year exams., which begin on January 27th, and which all the brothers expect to pass with more or less credit to themselves and to the chapter.

The Sewanee dramatic club with King at its head, expects to present a play before June 1. At the chapter house in the afternoons informal smokers are held, which not only help to pass the time, but also to make us more unified as a body and to increase our familiarity individually.

FRANK H. GAILOR, '12.

TENNESSEE PI—UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

The present collegiate year has been a most successful one at Tennessee. With the largest enrollment of its entire history, and a greatly strengthened faculty, Tennessee is now taking a leading place among Southern universities.

We turned out one of the foremost football teams in the South last fall, and had it not been for internal trouble, Tenn. might have won the Southern intercollegiate championship. But discord was rife, due to favoritism displayed by those in power and as a natural result the team took a great slump during the latter part of the season causing it to lose at least one game. Tennessee Pi was represented on the team by Benton White, who played a great game a left end.

Basketball is now the prevailing sport and here, Tennessee Pi is very prominent. Daniels is manager of the 'varsity team, and he, White and Sandberg occupy regular berths among its members. Several other A. T. O's are playing on their respective class teams.

We are represented on the board of editors of the college annual. Benton White is Art editor, and each and every A. T. O. is doing something in at least one department of college life.

Since Christmas we have initiated DeArmond Gibbs, of Knoxville, into the mysteries of Alpha Tauism. R. R. Dooley and Horace Fox have re-entered school, further strengthening our ranks.

FRED C. HOUK.

The Greek World.

By HENDREE P. SIMPSON, Associate Editor.

Feeling that the growing sorority world with its numerous good looking journals has been overlooked to a considerable extent by the PALM lately, we begin our "Greek News" department this time with items of interest concerning our sisters and their "doings."

First, not to be out-done by their brother Greeks, in Denver, who formed a Pan-Hellenic association there last spring, the *sorors* came together soon thereafter and with 125 representatives of about nine sororities present at the first meeting, it looks as if a successful project is assured. The *sorors* have our best wishes.

Also word comes that Des Moines, Iowa, had a Pan-Hellenic banquet at which there were present members from as many as nine sororities. Then, the *Kappa Alpha Theta* informs us that Winona Lake, Ind., had a similar gathering in the summer, and that Spokane, in October, is likewise credited with the formation of a Pan-Hellenic society for feminine Greeks.

The girls are more progressive along the line of inter-fraternity gatherings than we men, and last September marked the gathering of their seventh Intersorority Conference, held in Chicago, at which there were delegates from twelve sororities. Among other recommendations acted upon we note these:

We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions.

Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities.

We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which *all* fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss intersorority conference reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

The third recommendation cited above we should never have thought would be necessary.

Then, there was a meeting of Deans of women of State Universities in conference at Chicago in December, and they come to a substantial agreement along these lines, so the Alpha Omicron Pi journal tells us:

Chaperones: The office should be dignified by a better definition and more authority. One way of doing this is to make the chaperone a member of the committee of the chapter, whose duty it is to formulate suitable house rules, and to secure their observance. Such a committee should be of great assistance to a chapter in determining its social activities, etc.

Rushing: This way of recruiting the chapters is deplored, sophomore pledging is approved, and a scholarship standard of eligibility is advocated.

Parties: The use of university buildings for parties is advised wherever this is possible as opposed to clubs and halls not located on the campus.

Scholarship: The practice of some fraternities in securing from the Deans, periodic reports of individual grades for each chapter is believed to encourage scholarship.



Alpha Omicron Pi, by the way, with but a chapter roll of eleven, added three of these within the past year: Tufts College, University of Maine and Cornell.



The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, comes to us as of yore, so well illustrated with just “oodles” of fair co-eds that our hearts are no longer reliable and we all wish we were back at school again. Says the *Arrow*:

The *Beta Theta Pi* calls attention to a woman’s fraternity, Eta Upsilon Gamma, hitherto uncatalogued, with chapters as follows: 1901,

Alpha, Christian College, Columbia, Mo.; 1902, Beta, Hardin College, Mexico, Mo.; 1903, Gamma, Liberty Ladies' College, Liberty, Mo.; Delta, Forest Park University, St. Louis, Mo.; 1904, Epsilon, Central College, Lexington, Mo.; 1905, Zeta, Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. All chapters are confined, at present, to the state of Missouri.

The *Arrow* claims a circulation of 2,200 copies, it may be mentioned, which puts it far up among the list of magazines.



Gamma Phi Beta held its 34th convention with its Michigan chapter, November 10-13, and its organ says:

The democratic intersorority spirit at Michigan showed itself as never before. Beta was overwhelmed with offers to assist in entertaining delegates and visitors. All superficial barriers were thrown down, and there was only the common effort of college women to extend hospitality to other college women.

This sorority was scheduled to place a chapter at Oregon State on December 18, which will be number thirteen on the roll. We notice that not only are very nearly all the fraternity magazines, but the sorority ones as well, are quoting the "Dont's For Correspondents" which the PALM published in its June issue; these seem to have hit the nail on the head, but the only trouble is that Editor Reno says that they prove him to be of no account as a preacher for the next batch of letters after publishing the "Dont's" needed the same old amount of blue and red pencil mark. Verily, preaching is a discouraging job.



Twenty-one petitions were presented to Kappa Kappa Gamma during the two years ending with the national convention held last summer in Meadville, Pa. Only one of these petitions was acted upon favorably by the grand council, and it is now being passed upon by the chapters. Probably no other fraternity can boast of receiving so many petitions in the same length of time.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.



Says the *Aglaia* of Phi Mu, a sorority with all its ten chapters in the South:

The Delta Psi fraternity, we find, has the name of being more secret than most secret fraternities. It was established in 1847, but has fewer chapters now than it had before the Civil War, and it rarely grants a

charter. Delta Psi's only publication is a secret one, and the names and addresses of her grand officers, as well as the time and place of her conventions, are never published. Even the certificates of membership are signed and dated in a sort of code. This fraternity numbers, among its alumni, such men as Thomas Nelson Page, F. W. Vanderbilt and Stuyvesant Fish.

Speaking of the University of Tennessee, at which place they have a chapter, the *Aglaia* says:

At present there are in attendance at the university about sixty women and about four hundred men. There are seven fraternities; and four sororities, which are as follows: Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Writing of the home of another of their chapters, it says, and quotes an authority for the boast of Macon's (Georgia) beauty:

The natural beauty of Macon, which could hardly be surpassed, has been wonderfully preserved, even while a city has been built, by making very broad streets and giving careful attention to the planting and cultivation of shade trees where they would add to the beauty and charm of our Southern city. The main residence part of the city is built in a hilly section, as are most of the suburbs. The Ocmulgee flows around the northern and eastern sides of the city, and East Macon is built on the hill just beyond. Dr. Chadwick, the eminent divine from London, England, on a recent visit to Macon, said publicly that, of all the towns and cities he had visited in America, Macon was the most beautiful.

Wesleyan College is in the heart of all this beauty and refinement. Crowning one of the highest hills, it commands a view rarely excelled. Many of the suburbs may be seen in the distance, the business part of the city nearer at hand, and the residence portion in the immediate vicinity. Just in front of the main building is a large terraced park, and for many blocks on each side the street is lined with beautiful residences, the handsomest in the city.



We believe that we have overcome the difficulty of uniting town and house girls in closest friendship and strongest loyalty to our fraternity. It is a much regretted truth that town girls never enjoy to the full extent the privilege of fraternity life because they must live at home. This semester some one suggested having each town girl visit the house for a week; and the success of the plan proved in the mutual growth of affection and understanding between the girls in the house and out.—
The Kappa Alpha Theta.

The fifth biennial convention of Chi Omega, held in Chicago in June, 1908, voted that not more than one-fourth on the membership for any one year might be students in an affiliated school—music, oratory, art. An official banner and seal were adopted. The power to grant charters is still vested in the Supreme Governing Council. Hereafter the national treasury will pay the full traveling expenses of delegates instead of a pro rata amount from a "Convention Fund."—*Eleusis of Chi Omega*.



The chief event of importance in fraternity circles this fall was the installation of the Nu Alpha sorority as Omicron chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, which occurred during the opening week of school. Nu Alpha existed as a local in Baker for twenty years and had during that time a very successful career. The installation came off on Thursday evening, and next afternoon the sorority received the faculty fraternities, other sororities and all friends at the chapter house. This now gives Baker two national sororities, the other being Delta Delta Delta, which was established here in 1895.—*Baker University correspondence in the Rainbow*.



Turning aside for the time being from the "sorors" to the "fraters," and giving to these matter-of-fact but gainly beings at least some attention, we hear that the new University of Pittsburgh (changed from the Western University of Pa., as mentioned in the September PALM) has three locals, Alpha Alpha, Delta Kappa and Phi Zeta Phi, said to be petitioning national bodies. A correction is needed to the PALM's paragraph, according to the *Rainbow*, in that there are no active chapters there of academic national fraternities.



Phi Gamma Delta meets in its 61st "Ekklesia" next July at Detroit.



Chi Zeta Chi (Med.) met in convention at Baltimore, January 7-9.



After an inactive period of thirty-two years at Missouri, Phi Kappa Psi re-established its chapter there on November 28. Zeta Chi, a local, was the vehicle for the re-establishment.

Two members of the fraternity jewelry firm of Burr, Patterson & Co., at Detroit, are Phi Kappa Psis.



Regarding expansion, which is a natural subject at some time or another for every good fraternity to concern itself about, Phi Kappa Psi is now at the point where it finds the matter specially interesting. Says the *Shield's* editor in his December issue:

But are we assuming an entirely intelligent attitude, as an organization, in permitting the matter of the direction of our expansion to remain a matter of chance?

Certainly a step was taken in the right direction at the Denver Grand Arch Council when a committee was appointed to collect data with reference to all leading institutions of higher learning, to the end that the whole fraternity may know where chapters might be established which, under satisfactory conditions, could be expected to maintain the standard set by the chapters now existing. * * * *

For the encouragement of some of our ultra conversative brethren, it may be stated that the chapter roll of Phi Kappa Psi has shown a smaller proportionate growth during the past twenty-five years than that of any college fraternity excepting Psi Upsilon, Chi Phi (decrease), Zeta Psi, Chi Psi, Sigma Phi and Delta Psi. In 1883 Phi Kappa Psi was third in number of chapters; to-day it is eleventh.



Also, Sigma Nu is specially considering the expanding and strengthening of itself within a certain section in which it thinks it is weak, as evidenced by several expressions in recent *Delta* issues; the following is from one of the most recent ones:

Of all the national fraternities, of any consequence, Sigma Nu, in number of chapters, is among the least representative. Does that sound well? Of course not. However a glance at the table published in *The Delta*, of last May, will indicate that only 12½ per cent. of our chapters are located in the Eastern states. Our high rank in the South and West is assured and is known to be an enviable one. So in order to maintain the proper balance and cope successfully with the older, though in most cases smaller, Eastern fraternities, we should have a firmer foothold in New England. While a little advantageous strengthening in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Canada would constitute an ideal growth.

At the present hour there are inviting fields for profitable cultivation in the East and Northeast. We should have a chapter in Maine; at least

one in Massachusetts; while a prime movement would be to re-establish our old B. A. chapter at Yale by entering the Sheffield Scientific School. This is to say nothing, pro or con, concerning certain colleges now before us with petitions.

In Canada both McGill and Toronto afford excellent fields for Sigma Nu occupation, while a chapter at the Pennsylvania College, at present petitioning, would be a superb addition and would break the long gap between Philadelphia and our Ohio chapters.

Finally, if we could strengthen, judiciously, our Eastern possessions from Washington, D. C., to Canada, then could we well afford to proclaim our beloved brotherhood truly national. Brothers, we appeal to your confidence in our efforts to further strengthen Sigma Nu in the East and make our upbuilding principles a greater power throughout the college world.—*Sigma Nu Delta for November.*



Speaking further of expansion, the following is interesting in that it calls attention to extreme conservatism along this line:

The installation of the California chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, after a long struggle on the part of the Phi Sigma Delta local for a charter, shows the trend towards Western expansion even on the part of the most conservative of the old Eastern fraternities. In the past ten years but two charters have been granted, that of Wisconsin in 1902, and California in 1908. In the past twenty years but one charter among Eastern universities has been granted, Johns Hopkins in 1889, the other extensions from 1888 to 1898 having all been either in the West or in Canada: Minnesota, Toronto, Chicago and McGill.—*The Phi Gamma Delta.*

Of interest to all Greek-letter people will be the fact that the only local fraternity at California, after various unsuccessful attempts, has obtained a charter from the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, which marks the first Western extension of that fraternity, and the last of big fraternities to enter California, both of men and women. One is certain in saying that any fraternity which should enter California from the present time will indeed have a "hard road to travel," to put it mildly. The fraternities date from the year 1870 to 1908, and are twenty-two in number, and the sororities from 1880 to 1907, and are nine in number, making a total of thirty-one national fraternities represented at California. Only fraternities of the recognized standing of Alpha Delta Phi could enter California at present with any hope of not being completely swamped.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*



It is widely rumored that some of the minor fraternities at Columbia are having a most distressing time in maintaining a bare struggle for existence.—*S. A. E. Record.*

Mr. Lowrie McClurg, writing in the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, announces that the constitution of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was strictly modeled after the constitution of Delta Tau Delta. This is not only an important contribution to history, but is a fine scoop on "Billy" Wilson, of New York, the principal author of the constitution of our fraternity, who states that he knew no more about the constitution of Delta Tau Delta when he and his associates were engaged in formulating a new plan of government for Phi Kappa Psi than he did about the prospective contents of President Roosevelt's future speech at Provincetown, Mass. Mr. McClurg is so sure of his version as to how it all happened, however, that we will be compelled to admit that our constitution is a mere telapathic copy of the immortal document to which the gentleman refers. Besides, we are told that "Delta Tau Delta has long recognized the fact that Phi Kappa Psi's constitution was strictly modeled after its own," that it has been good enough not to unduly twit us upon the fact, but on the contrary has been at once gratified that we knew so good a thing and grieved because its results have not been so productive of continuous, natural and steady growth as in the case of Delta Tau Delta. This reminds one of the claim set up in behalf of a certain lawyer, by one of his friends, to the effect that he was the brainiest attorney in town. "How do you prove that?" was asked. "Don't have to prove it," was the rejoinder. "He admits it." So we shall have no controversy on the subject, but let it go at that, especially as the pursuit of *Rainbow* is not in our line.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield for October.*



The laws of Kappa Sigma empower the editor of its official publication, *The Palm*, to inflict fines on erring chapters that fail to send in their letters. Open announcement is made of the names of the chapters fined. It is to be hoped that the fine is a good stiff one and that it is promptly collected on penalty of forfeiture of charter.—*The Chi Zeta Chi Medical Record.*

The Chi Zeta Chi Greek-press man must have been up late the night before attending to patients, for he is somewhat mixed up. From the last accounts Kappa Sigma publishes the chirp and newsy *Caduceus*, while and whereas A. T. O. claims the proprietorship over the PALM.



At the annual banquet of the Sigma Nu fraternity in Chicago on January 1st, a resolution was adopted calling for a Pan-Hellenic conference for the purpose of organizing all Greek-letter societies in the United States into a Grand Council.—*Exchange.*

Chi Phi held its convention around November 27, in Atlanta, Ga. New York was chosen for its next meeting.



Delta Tau Delta entered Washington State University last June. There are still two locals there, of which it is said that both have aspirations toward national fraternities.



Phi Gamma Delta entered Colorado College in September, after four years' successive petitioning by the at last favored club.



Kappa Sigma on January 25, entered Iowa State College by granting a charter to a club, which, according to the *Caduceus*, had been petitioning for five years.



In an article on Tulane University in the January *Beta Theta Pi*, this is given:

By Mrs. Newcomb's will, Tulane is made the proud possessor of three million dollars, thus making the H. Sophie Newcomb College the best endowed woman's college in the United States.

Tulane University in all its departments is located in the city of New Orleans. It occupies twenty-three modern buildings, all erected within the last ten years and modern both in construction and appointments. The campus of the university is the largest of any "city" college or university in the United States—it being over one hundred acres in extent.

One hundred and eighty professors and instructors constitute the faculties of the various departments and colleges of the university and during the session of 1907-1908, one thousand six hundred and nineteen students were matriculated.

Here is something also from the *Beta Theta Pi* concerning the installation of its chapter at Tulane, and it almost turns your head just to read it:

And such a dance. All the week we had been seeing the pretty New Orleans maids but had had no opportunity to meet them. Here in the ball room of the New Hotel Denechaud, we found them to the right of us, to the left of us, all around us and we forgot all about the new chapter, all about the heat, all about everything but the beauties before us and we reveled from nine until—Well the clock stopped when it was 11.56 and we don't know just when we did have to break up.

Walter Palmer, in the *Scroll* of December, reviewing the new Beta Theta Pi handbook, says:

The new Beta handbook is much improved as well as enlarged. It has many admirable features. The history of the fraternity is divided into seven periods, and there are special chapters on the insignia, publications, social life, chapter houses, etc., interspersed with many facsimiles and other illustrations. A complete list of all general officers and another of delegates to all conventions are given. One chapter is devoted to tributes to the fraternity from prominent alumni. The list of distinguished members of Beta Theta Pi is an imposing one, showing the high standing of the fraternity.

There is also a chapter about "The Greek World and Its Inhabitants." In this an attempt is made to grade the institutions in which fraternities are established into first, second and third classes. Needless to say, according to this classification, Beta Theta Pi has chapters in more first class colleges than any other fraternity, but think of putting Beloit, Denison, Boston and Kenyon in the first class, and Sewanee and Washington and Lee in the second; of putting Davidson in the second class and Randolph-Macon in the third; of putting the Universities of Maine and West Virginia in the first class and the University of Mississippi in the second; of putting Iowa State College in the first class and Kentucky State College (now University) in the third. Such a classification might have been expected from a Beta in college rushing a freshman, but not from one so well posted about the institutions of the country as Mr. Baird.



The indications now are that petitions will be presented to the next convention from local societies in Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.; the University of Utah, Salt Lake; the University of South Dakota, Vermilion, and the University of Oregon, Eugene. All of these petitioners have been before the fraternity already, formally or informally. The chapters should study the situation in each instance and be ready for intelligent action when the time comes to vote.—*Beta Theta Pi for November.*



The best students' songs are those of the German students, and the best of their songs, much the best, I think, is "Deutschland! Deutschland ueber alles," sung to the air of the Austrian national hymn, "Gott erhalte Franz den Kaiser." One who has heard it sung by several hundred voices can never forget it. It is the most inspiring and soul-stirring thing that I have ever heard; nothing can compete with it except the "Marseillaise," which is bloodthirsty and devilish and would incite a Quaker meeting to throwing bombs. The Austrian hymn, composed by a great

musician, satisfies the most scientific and artistic critics; it is, nevertheless, so easy to sing that any one with any voice or ear at all can sing it without being a technical musician. It is also a magnificent march, solemn, but not funereal. If we could preempt it for our fraternity, we should have the finest air in the world, and there would only remain to fit singable and appropriate words to it.—*A writer in the Caduceus for January.*



As an example of the growing western colleges, it is said that the University of Utah has an enrollment of 1,172, and has property valued at \$756,815.



Three fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi and Kappa Sigma, have secured club houses in New York since the beginning of the present college year, and Phi Gamma Delta has established headquarters in a suite of rooms in a hotel in the so-called club district.—*Caduceus.*



The entire issue of the *Frater* (of Psi Omega, medical) for May, '08, is devoted to a geographical and alphabetical directory of its members.



The non-fraternity students at Southwestern University have been perniciously active this college year. They have held several meetings, at which the fraternities were roundly denounced, and several of the ringleaders of the movement published a letter grossly libeling the fraternities and calling on Southern Methodism to abolish them in the interests of "a united student body." So far, the efforts to dislodge the Greeks have been fruitless, and our correspondent informs us that as long as Southwestern is guided by the present regime, the fraternities are not in the slightest danger of losing their foothold in the university. In order to prove to the non-fraternity men that they have taken the wrong tack with the fraternity men, the latter are endeavoring to secure the establishment of two or three more national fraternities at Southwestern.—*Caduceus for January.*



Kappa Psi (medical) is considering the advisability of adopting the plan of a biennial convention in place of the annual gathering now required by its constitution. The journal of this organization, *The Mask*, is to make a feature of technical articles. The editor explains the situation thus:

"The original intention of the promoters of *The Mask* was to have a publication to facilitate chapter correspondence, and to be a medium to promote discussion of fraternal interests only. It soon became evident that many of our brothers were not content with this, as some of the more zealous ones offered articles of a professional nature.

"The present editor upon assuming the duties of the office, knowing that Kappa Psi has among her members many capable and active workers, both for their professions and their fraternity, decided to make the publication of professional as well as strictly fraternal interest, and also to try to secure contributions of a general nature. The results obtained during the last year far exceeded expectations. To date the response has been even more satisfactory."—*The Crutam of Alpha Kappa Kappa*.



The *Beta Theta Pi* says that at D. K. E.'s recent convention, gravitating between New York, New Haven and Hartford, as it did, petitions were received and denied for chapters at Washington & Lee, Worcester Polytechnic, Indiana, Stevens and New Hampshire State Colleges.



Sigma Phi Epsilon, which though founded as recently as 1901, bids fair to rival even Kappa Sigma in size, chartered three chapters in the spring: Xi Alpha at Norwich University, Theta at Virginia Military Institute, and Theta Gamma at Ohio State University. Seventeen of the fraternity's twenty-two active chapters were represented at the fifth conclave held at Chicago, April 20-22, which adopted a complete new constitution and by-laws, approved changes in the ritual and authorized new forms of charter, official shield and flag. It was voted also to use the division system in the government of the chapters and to salary the Grand Secretary, who will hereafter devote his entire time to fraternity work.—*Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho*.

There is still a long road to travel between 22 chapters and the 73 of Kappa Sigma. As to the V. M. I. chapter mentioned above, it must be sub-rosa, for the institution is officially opposed to the existence of fraternities there. This fraternity also entered the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, November 7.



In an article on "Fifty Years of College Y. M. C. A.," a writer in the *Caduceus* for November, says:

As is the case generally in American colleges where the Y. M. C. A. exists, fraternity men take a prominent part in the Virginia Y. M. C. A.

The president of the association and the secretary are Greeks. The membership at Virginia includes nearly eighty per cent. of the student body, and more than half of the fraternity men are members. It is said that in some of the American colleges the Y. M. C. A. had to fight hard to find a place; especially was this true among the Greeks. This condition is now practically past, and the Y. M. C. A. forms a common meeting ground for fraternity and non-fraternity students. Statistics show that the majority of executive officers in college Y. M. C. A.'s are fraternity men—not, it is said, because the fraternity men are given preference on account of their secret society affiliations, but because they are better qualified for the positions.

At the University of Virginia the Y. M. C. A. building is the center of student activities. In the building are the offices of the various university publications, a chapel where most student meetings are held, a smoking room, a chess and checker room and the like. A large library is filled with daily newspapers and magazines. Appealing to the gymnastic spirit are nineteen tennis courts in the rear of the building, perhaps the finest courts in the South. The shower baths, lockers and barber shop are probably unexcelled in any college building. It has often been remarked that it is most appropriate that the first college Y. M. C. A. should have such splendid quarters.



As to the protection of fraternity insignia by law in the different states, a resume was given in the March, '08, *PALM* of a comprehensive article on this subject occurring in the *Beta Theta Pi*. This latter journal in its January issue again furnishes us with the following two paragraphs on the same subject :

Elsewhere in this number will be found the decision of the Supreme Court of Montana commenting upon, construing and interpreting for the first time, we believe, a badge protecting statute. This was called to our attention by Rufus H. Tilton, of the Wesleyan chapter, who is now studying law at Washington, D. C. There are two phases to this decision. One is that the exemption of female relatives of members of societies from the penalty for the infringement of the statutory law is unconstitutional as exempting from the latter a special class of persons not entitled to such exemption under general principles. The other is the decision that the law is unconstitutional, because of the impossibility of ascertaining the emblems and insignia which it is forbidden to wear or use. A law could readily be cured in this respect by providing that within a certain time each of the societies desiring to take advantage of the protection afforded by the statute should file in a public office, say the Office of the Secretary of State, copies of the insignia which they desire to protect and to publish the same for a certain time in newspapers of general circulation, and further providing that no protection should be afforded to insignia not thus brought to public notice.

The Connecticut legislature has passed an act permitting the filing of insignia by the fraternities in the office of the Secretary of State. After such filing the unauthorized use of such insignia renders the wrongdoer liable to fine or imprisonment.



The oft-mooted subject of the comparative advantages of the large colleges and the small ones is nevertheless, more or less, always enlivening. The subject will never grow dull, for viewpoints concerning it will always furnish two differing opinions. Says the *Theta Delta Chi*:

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, has been quoted as saying:

"I am inclined to think that most of the State universities are suffering from excessive attendance. It is apparent to me that one of the greatest problems before the universities of the nation during the next twenty years will be how to administer these rapidly growing institutions properly."

Another fact should have weight here. While the large universities are having this unparalleled growth, the smaller colleges are not standing still. Within the past five years many of them have made marked advance in endowment and equipment, and in the numbers and the quality of the student body, and what is more to the point, they seem likely to make still larger and more rapid advance in the immediate future. Many of them have been compelled to increase their requirements for entrance in order to limit the student body to proportions commensurate with their equipment. This movement is not exceptional, but is true of nearly all the smaller colleges. There is a turning of the tide. The *Chicago Record-Herald* says:

"The day of the smaller college is coming again. Of course, the special inducements offered by State universities as public institutions will always make them popular, but may there not be some relief because of the preference which many people now express for small colleges? The country has scores of these colleges, and not a few of them enjoy an excellent reputation. They can give as fine a discipline as any of the larger institutions, have the advantage of bringing faculty and students close together, and are freer from distractions than the big rivals. * * * A professor in one of those vast State institutions told us some time ago that he would never entrust his son to it for training. To our question as to the ground for this strange remark, he said oracularly: 'The gains are too little and the possible losses too great. I prefer the smaller college.'"



Theta Delta Chi meets in Boston in Annual Convention on February 20-23.

It is a satisfaction to have accomplished what one sets out to do, even though that something is nothing more than the proving of a possibility. After a period of more or less irregularity in the issue of the various numbers of *The Shield* the present editor was impressed with the necessity of recovering the official organ of our fraternity from that hopelessness to which our magazine had been exposed and had needlessly drifted. Several good Theta Delts took hold, incorporated the *Theta Delta Chi Press*, put *The Shield* on a thoroughly business basis, and they have not only made a success of it but have proven conclusively, by an issue of eight numbers, that a Greek-letter magazine can not only be issued within the month of issue, but on the day of issue and furthermore synchronously to all subscribers of record on the date of issue. Your present editor, without any previous journalistic training or demonstrated natural ability, was induced to take hold and manage this important work and he did so with this end in view. Now that his objective has been passed, the work is done; another will fill his place, and take up the work where it has been left.

The associate on the PALM's board hopes that the above valedictory will not be accepted by the writer's fraternity, for under his editorship the *Theta Delta Chi* has not only faithfully represented its fraternity in our opinion, but entertainingly so. Two years is too short a period to give to a capable editor and in which to expect of him the consummation and perfection of an excellent beginning. A few good-natured "flings" have passed between the *Theta Delta Chi* and the PALM, but such we both know are a part of the enjoyment falling to Greek-press reviewers. The A. T. O. man again expresses the hope that Mr. Van Winkle will still be found in charge after the Theta Delt's February convention.



Our colored friends are getting together on the fraternity question, and the Washington (D. C.) *Post* of December 30, gives this account of their convention:

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity convened at Howard University, the home of the Beta chapter, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Henry A. Callis, president of the Alpha chapter at Cornell University, presiding.

George Lyle, president of the Beta chapter, made the address of welcome. Mr. Lyle said, in part:

"It is the aim of the Beta chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity of Howard University, to make this organization the goal in every negro institution of the land, to which negro youths and negro men of culture and attainments will aspire."

Short speeches were made by Roscoe C. Giles, of Cornell; R. P. Graves, of Union; Henry A. Callis, of Cornell, and members of the Beta chapter of Howard University.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution. This committee was composed of Robert H. Ogle and Roscoe C. Giles, of Cornell; George Lyle and M. Alwin Morrison, of Howard; R. P. Graves and S. S. Booker, of Union, and Henry A. Callis, acting chairman of the convention, and James A. Boags, of Cornell. A banquet will be given to-night. George Lyle will be toastmaster, and the following will respond to toasts: Henry Arthur Callis, James P. Boags, J. Russell Hunt, S. S. Booker, Roscoe Conkling Giles and Artee Fleming.



"The chapter I like," said an intelligent woman who had lived all her life in a college town and had watched the fortunes of its several fraternities rise and fall through a long period of years, "is the one that is wise enough not to overlook the rough diamonds, and strong enough to polish them when it gets hold of them. It is not ordinarily true that the boys of greatest possibilities come here with the most 'shine' on them. The chapter which does not take men on the basis of what may be made of them, as well as on the basis of what they are, seems to me to place a low valuation on its own influence."—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.



The Phi Delta Phi (legal) *Brief* offers a prize of five dollars for the best chapter letter in each of its numbers.



Sigma Chi entered Utah last August.



There have been three fraternities to hold conventions the past year at the University of Minnesota—Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Chi Psi.



Editor Baird of the *Beta Theta Pi*, writes a very interesting letter concerning chapter house building to the Sigma Nu *Delta*, in response to a request from the latter, and the following extracts are taken from it:

I am thoroughly and entirely opposed to any centralized plan of house ownership. I believe it to be an idle dream. The men who are willing to put their money in a fraternity house are quite unwilling that anyone should control but themselves.

Your Mr.— is entirely mistaken when he imagines that men of affairs will not manage the property of college chapters. I am going to cite my own fraternity because I feel at liberty to do so, but here are a few facts.

The moment you centralize the scheme you destroy this incentive to individual effort. Our fraternity journals are not as good as they were twenty years ago because now they are taken as a matter of course and the alumni do not support them by subscriptions or help them by contributions and other efforts, as they did.

THE PLAN THAT HAS WORKED.

Now my plan is this: Urge each chapter to save, save, save until it has at least \$2,000.00. Urge each chapter to take from each initiate his note for at least \$100, payable in five equal installments beginning two years after he leaves college. Form a stock corporation among the alumni, one corporation for each chapter and sell as much stock as you can at par. Don't promise any profits. There won't be any, but it insures certainty of ownership and provides that the stock shall never pass from the ownership of a Sigma Nu. Then sell bonds possibly among these same alumni and a few others agreeing to pay 6 per cent. interest (if the rate can be made lower so much the better) and agree to secure this by a second mortgage.

Now suppose a chapter house has 100 members, alumni and undergraduates—

It will save, say.....	\$2,000 00
It will sell stock, say.....	2,500 00
It will sell bonds, say.....	3,000 00
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	\$7,500 00

With this money it can build a \$15,000 house, giving a first mortgage for the other \$7,500. This should be rented to the chapter at a rent sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage and on the bonds, the taxes and repairs. The contribution of \$100 from each initiate will gradually but surely pay off the bonds and the mortgage. Each man who pays in money should get stock for it.

There is a plan that has worked 200 times within the last five years and is working all right now. It places the ultimate burden of acquiring the house on the men who use it but it secures the present help of the alumni who can help. It is, however, their own affair and is managed in each case by men they know and not by a lot of officers elected at a convention in a distant city by a lot of irresponsible boys.

I am a thorough believer in a centralized government. I would to-morrow be well pleased to see my fraternity governed by one man who could levy taxes, issue charters, and exercise all legislative, judicial

and executive functions. But the undergraduates won't stand it and they won't stand any general scheme of assessment, and the alumni won't contribute to it!

Let each chapter have its own plan; supervise it if you will, but let it be an individual plan. Practically all of the chapters in New England and the Middle States are obtaining houses on the plan I have outlined. A great danger to a centralized scheme is that it concentrates power over money and that means politics within the fraternity to grasp that power.

My judgment is, govern the fraternity as little as possible. Make as few laws as possible. Let the general officers all be helpers, not commanders. Levy as few assessments as possible. Emphasize love, not duty, effort not money. The alumni of any college fraternity are splendidly loyal when they understand what they ought to do and they give time and money and effort when they see the result and control of it.



Editorial.

THE PITTSBURGH CONGRESS.

The twenty-first Congress has passed into history, occupying a large and luminous page of the record. If ever the high pitched anticipations of the fraternity were more completely and fully realized, history has failed to chronicle the instance and Pittsburgh must receive the palm of supreme excellence.

Its social features were unsurpassed. The entertainments provided were conventional in that they were the sort usually accompanying a Congress, but they were unusual in that they surpassed anything previously attempted along similar lines. Our Congresses are proverbially enthusiastic—fellow Greeks tell us that no other fraternity can muster so much of genuine spirit and eclat—and the recent meeting was an exception in only one respect, to wit, that it was the most enthusiastic Congress ever held.

Legislatively considered, the Congress did nothing startling. Neither its methods nor its enactments smack of anything nearly approaching revolution. It was an intensely conservative body, purposing to perfect what had already been erected, and intending to strengthen the spans already in place before constructing new ones. Of course, the usual routine work was ably performed and some new legislation considered, but nothing that will in any wise or to any extent draw us from our ancient landmarks.



THE NEW OFFICERS.

The Pittsburgh Congress wisely decided to retain the services of many of its older officers. While there is no dearth of good

men in Alpha Tau Omega, better men than Founder Glazebrook, his talented son, Dr. Thomas, G. D. Ellsworth and Claude Wilson can not be found and it would seem that as long as they are willing to serve they should be re-elected without any question. That they have again accepted elections to their respective positions is a cause of great rejoicing to those who know how well and how faithfully they have hitherto performed their arduous duties.

The newer officers will properly fit in with their older associates. The selection of Paul R. Hickok as Worthy Grand Chief was not only inevitable, but also most admirable. He has undergone a long period of apprenticeship, is fully equipped and will wisely administer his great trust.

The elevation of Brothers Erdman, Clark and Mitchell to the High Council was in line with our present policy of granting promotions to men who have earned them. Brother Erdman has for many years been an active member of Congress and is personally known to a large percentage of our membership. Dr. Clark, prominent in educational circles, will bring into the High Council the good matured judgment of one who has devoted his entire life to the solution and settlement of intricate administrative problems. George Mitchell has an enviable record of unstinted service in behalf of Alpha Tau Omega and his experiences as Province Chief and as Worthy Grand Scribe will serve him well in the discharge of his new duties.

With such officers in command the high hopes of the fraternity are fully justified and the coming two years should be fraught with great prosperity for Alpha Tau Omega.



THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

The Worthy Grand Chief has appointed the following as province chiefs in their respective provinces: Province I, Hugh Martin; Province II, Clarence E. Wilcox; Province III, John N. Van der Vries; Province IV, George Maguire; Province V, Elder W. Marshall; Province VI, W. L. Wilhoite; Province VII, Emmett F. Eldredge; Province VIII, H. W. Jervey. Of these, Brothers Van der Vries, Maguire, Wilhoite and Jervey were reappointed, all of them having amply deserved the grateful recognition implied by another call to service.

The others are neither new nor untried men. All of them are men who have diligently striven for the promotion of our welfare and all have achieved the sort of a record that compels the reposing of confidence and honor. That they will continue to merit our esteem admits of no doubt.

The new administration, organized as above, starts out under the most favorable auspices. Much can be expected of it and if it does not make good it will be due to a failure to the fraternity to follow the lead of the able men who have been appointed to preside over the destinies of Alpha Tau Omega.



FRATERNITY POLITICS.

The Pittsburgh nominating committee struck a popular chord when it denounced certain unnamed individuals for indulging in ante-Congress electioneering. It was the only proper course for brave men to pursue and we noted with great pleasure the virile and explicit statement that, without further action, should be strong enough to effectually and forever eradicate this incipient evil—an evil, which, if allowed to go unchecked and unrebuked, would most certainly have been the source of no little anxiety in the future.

Alpha Tau Omega, far more fortunate than some of her sister fraternities, has always been singularly free from the manipulations of the politician class. Our Congresses have been regarded as the assemblage of men engaged in promoting the welfare of the fraternity by mutual consultation as to what was best for Alpha Tau Omega. Offices were never regarded as prizes to be won, nor were they ever made the subject of barter and trade, the goods, wares and merchandise of either the crafty or the alert. They were honors to be won by merit and were filled by an untrammelled election after the unpledged judgment of the fraternity, in Congress assembled, had been duly and properly convinced that the nominees were the men most likely to render that service our common welfare required. Questions of mere availability, of satisfying certain elements, of placating known and defined classes, cliques or sections, of doling out honors as favors merely, and the myriad of strange and uncouth prin-

ciples that dominate only in the councils of the ward committee were never for a moment considered. In short, the man, his friends or his ambitions never were allowed to constitute a reason for his election except in so far as they related to the measure of his capacity for office and of the service likely to be rendered by him.

The PALM is not now pleading for pure politics. The actions of those who compelled the nominating committee to speak were not inherently wrong. They were absolutely innocent and in themselves far from dangerous. They were neither impure nor unlawful. The PALM, therefore, now speaks for the elimination of anything that in the least resembles politics, log-rolling, or manipulation. The point is that even a very innocent movement along a certain line may prove disastrous, not so much because of its own force, but because of the force it may engender by continued and widespread usage. A certainly has the right to write to B asking him to support C for an office. But conceding him that right he has also the further right of inviting D, E, F, G and H to do likewise. The danger arises, when, instead of one A, there are a dozen, each of them pleading for as many C's and when all meet on a common field to fight the battle for supremacy. The truth is that just as often as one A writes to B, another A, moved by the force of the example, will write to another B, with the inevitable result that very soon our Congresses will be the scene of political turmoil and probably the victim of that game that only the trained politician can or will play.

The methods of the alien world *may* be proper in the alien world, but they should find no countenance with men who profess to a doctrine essentially different than that of the ward meeting, the political convention, the partisan's conclave. An organization that teaches its young men to refrain from unworthy method in college politics should not engage in anything that brings disrepute upon its professions and its teachings. Such inconsistency is as absurd as it is dangerous.

We have probably said more than the occasion required, but we have felt that the statement of the committee needed emphasis now when the evil is young and can, without any action and by common consent, be forever tabooed.

THE GREEK DINNER.

About twenty representatives of almost as many Greek-letter fraternity journals dined at the Salmagundi Club, New York, on Friday evening, March 19, enjoyed a splendid menu and engaged in a delightful informal discussion of the various problems confronting the Greek fraternities.

Several ideas that have long ago become rules of action with Alpha Tau Omega were emphasized. All seemed to believe that any movement tending toward consolidation would not only be inadvisable but dangerous; but it was the unanimous consensus of opinion that no one fraternity will lose anything by working in concert with others. The learned remarks of Mr. William R. Baird of Beta Theta Pi and Mr. Rudolph Tombo of Theta Delta Chi were particularly thoughtful and ought to furnish the basis for some intelligent united action. Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, the author of several works on college administration, spoke of the beneficent results secured by his fraternity through the regular employment of a field or visiting secretary.

The PALM man counts it a great privilege to have been enabled to meet so many of his fellow laborers in the Greek fields and to have witnessed the earnestness of zeal and the oneness of purpose that characterizes all their endeavors. He shall welcome a repetition of it with great pleasure and looks forward to the next gathering with no little eagerness.



THE NEW CHAPTER.

The Kentucky State University, as the article elsewhere printed will reveal, is a growing and prosperous institution. In many respects it resembles more closely its Western than its Southern and Eastern neighbors. It has recently been awakened to its great opportunities and, if the present spirit of progress continues, it will very soon take its place among our leading State universities.

The new chapter is composed of the right stuff and is bound to make good the pretensions and promises which secured for it a charter at a time when Alpha Tau Omega has little of encouragement to offer to petitioning bodies. The young men of the

chapter are an intelligent and aggressive group and have already caught the fraternity idea. Knowing that they will always strive to merit the confidence of the fraternity which has borne them, the PALM bids them a most cordial welcome to a seat in our temple.



OUR NEW ASSOCIATES.

With this issue Brothers H. L. Blankenburg, Wisconsin Gamma Tau, and Frank W. Scott, Ills. Gamma Zeta, join our staff as associate editors. Both are particularly well equipped for the positions they now occupy and will certainly vindicate the wisdom of their appointment. Neither are detailed to perform any special duty but will assist us generally until such time as it is deemed wise to assign them to a special department of work.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS AND KANSAS GAMMA MU.

"KANSAS exercises the same fascination over her citizens that she does over all those who have ever yielded to her spell. There are some women whom to have once loved renders it impossible to ever love again. As 'the gray and melancholy' main is to the sailor, the desert to the Bedouin, the Alps to her mountaineer, so is Kansas to all her children. No one has ever felt any enthusiasm about Wisconsin, or Indiana, or Michigan. The idea is preposterous. It is impossible. They are great prosperous communities, but their inhabitants can remove and never desire to return. They hunger for the horizon. They make new homes without the *maladie du pays*, but no genuine Kansan can emigrate. He may wander. He may roam. He may travel. He may go elsewhere, but no other state can claim him as a citizen. Once naturalized, the allegiance can never be foresworn."

The late United States Senator John J. Ingalls, who wrote the immortal ode, "Opportunity," himself a naturalized Kansan, in an exuberance of loyalty for his adopted state, wrote the above classic on the Kansas spirit. And this spirit must be understood to understand Kansas, her great University and what Alpha Tau Omega is doing here.

Kansas is a young state, but this spirit ingrafted into the stern New England forefathers has given it a people which has individuality and which has given to the state an individuality distinctive and unlike that of any other state. From "Bleeding Kansas," it has passed through the throes of blizzards, hot winds,

populism, boom times, grasshopper famines, droughts and floods, until it has emerged strong, confident of its own strength, a leader in the nation's affairs, and giving to public life, to literature, to science, to education and to commerce men who have left and are leaving their impress.

Just when the pot of national politics began to boil and seethe over the slavery question and all eyes turned towards Kansas, which was to be the battle ground of the opening struggle, the New England Emigrant Aid Society sent out a party of rugged sons and daughters of the Puritan type who were to form an outpost for the free state forces in the virgin west. In the spring of 1854, this little camping party toiled its way up the pretty Kaw valley until they came to Mount Oread, the beautiful sight on which the University is now located, and there decided to found their town. As time went on the political pot seethed more violently and the struggle became warmer. Other towns were founded both by the free state and pro-slavery forces, but Lawrence remained the center of the free staters and as such had to stand the brunt of the border warfare which characterized the early days of Kansas and which gained for the young state the sobriquet of "Bleeding Kansas." Twice the town was burned and sacked, the first time by a force of United States troops, the marshall claiming it to be a hot bed of treason. Later during the civil war a band of guerillas, under the notorious Quantrell, rode into the unsuspecting village, shot down in cold blood some sixty of its best citizens, burned the town and rode away. Scarcely had the mourners buried their dead when the sound of the hammer and saw was again heard and the town was rebuilt by its persevering founders. A stone's throw from the main building of the University are the ruins of the "Old Fort" which the people erected in the defence of their homes.

In this city, full of spots hallowed in the history of the state, was founded the University of Kansas, in the year 1866. The state was young and struggling then, but its citizens realized the importance of education, and through its legislature voted \$10,000 to found a University. Mount Oread was chosen as the sight and a prettier campus could not have been chosen, for the hill overlooks the winding valley of the Kaw, the garden spot of Kansas,

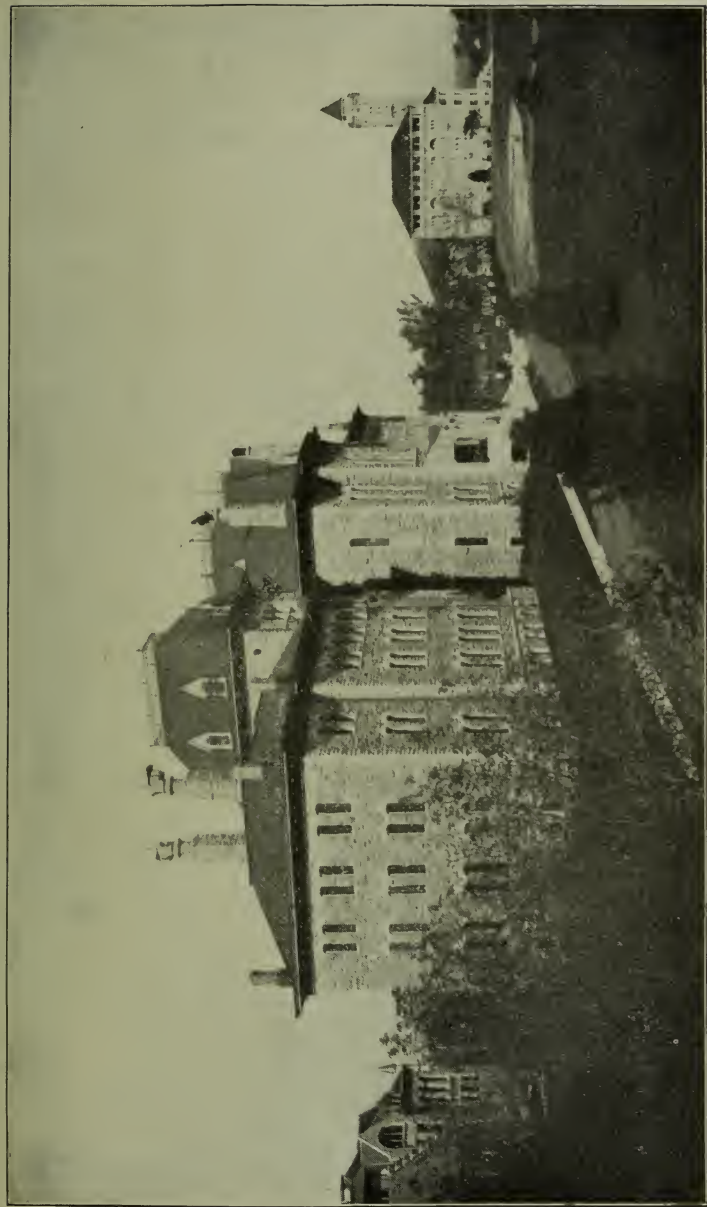


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while around this hill is built the city of Lawrence, now a pretty town of 15,000 people. Lawrence makes an ideal college town. Its moral influences are of the best, while it is essentially a town of homes, the best class of citizens being attracted to it by its educational influences and its pretty attractive streets, the entire town being studded with elms set out by the New England founders.

From this humble beginning of a \$10,000 appropriation, the University of Kansas has grown until its \$2,000,000 of buildings spreads out all over the crest of Mount Oread with an equipment fitting the size and importance of the school. The University is rapidly becoming "The University of the Southwest." The first session of the new school saw but three professors and but one branch of work, the collegiate, offered to the pupils, but it has developed and grown, adding one department and school after another until it has incorporated within it all the essentials of a modern University.

The University of Kansas now has a student body of 2,300 men and women and a teaching faculty of 140 members; having doubled its registration in the last seven years. Although a co-educational school, co-education presents no problem here, for the young men and young women have taken such a happy attitude in regard to the matter that it has attracted the marked notice of every visitor at the school. Seven distinct schools make up the University proper, although the college of liberal arts and sciences is almost a small university in itself, so broad is the scope of its work. Besides the regular academic course leading to an A. B. degree, it includes a school of journalism, the first to be established west of the Mississippi, and offers practical courses in banking, insurance, and kindred subjects. The engineering school includes five distinct departments, civil, electrical, chemical, mechanical and mining. A large \$150,000 general engineering building and a \$50,000 mining engineering building are just being completed as the future home of this school. A law school, numbering among its alumni a large majority of the leading lawyers of the state, a medical school, with the first two years of scientific work at Lawrence and the last two of clinical work at Kansas City, where two large hospitals and a general



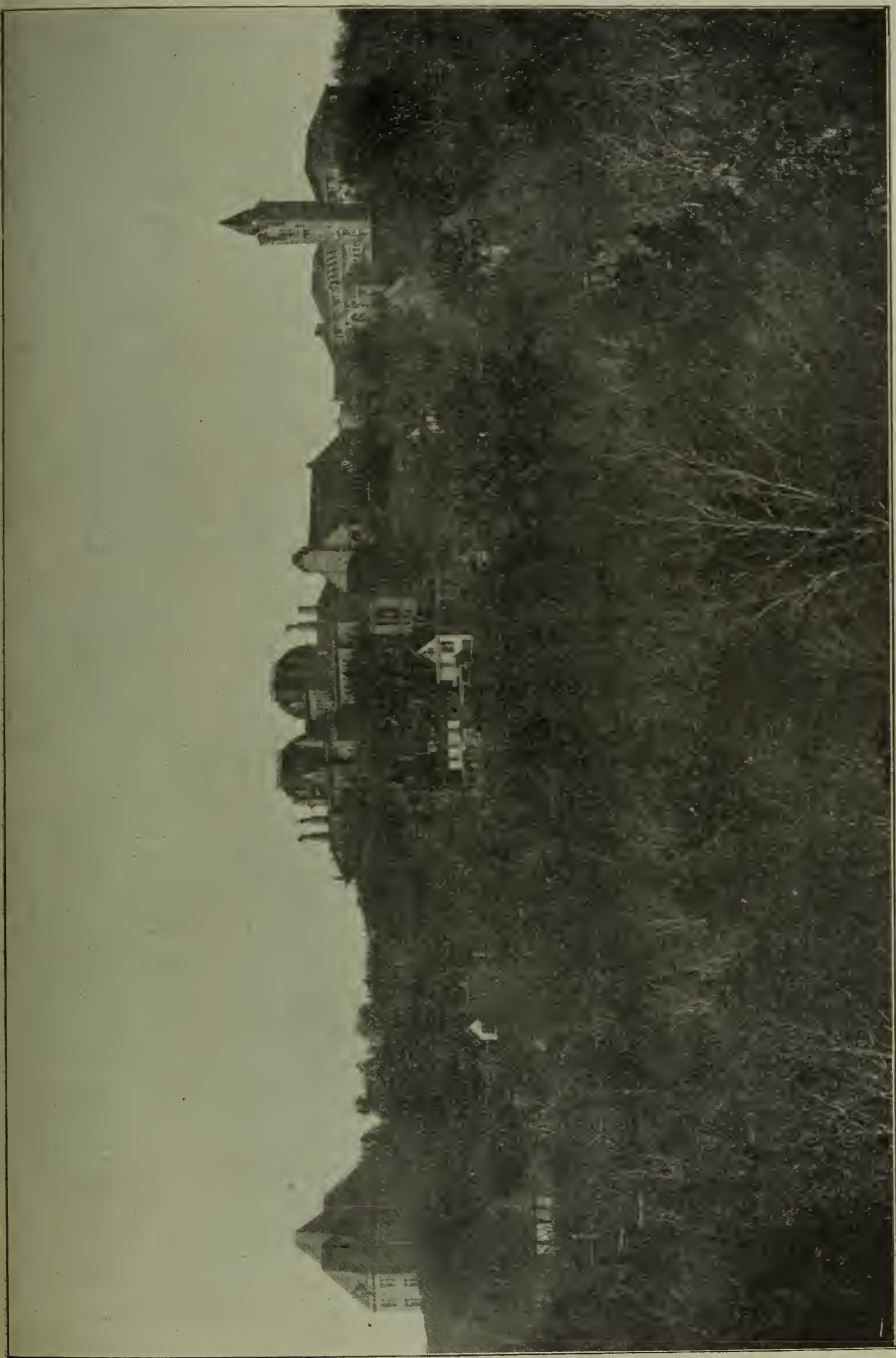
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college building are located, a pharmacy department, a fine arts school, which by its strength and reputation is drawing graduates from all the smaller colleges of the Missouri valley, make up the remainder of the University. This does not include, however, a flourishing summer school, offering work during the summer months in all departments of the University.

The fundamental principle of the University has been to make the school not only the educational centre of the state and the west, but to have it the leader in the practical every day life of the people. Its entomology department already has to its credit a successful crusade against the cinder beetle and against the green bug, while at the present time the students are engaged in a campaign against the San Jose scale which has been damaging the fruit trees in the state. In two years, the University has built up the largest and strongest department in industrial chemistry in the United States. Under the direction of Robert Kennedy Duncan, author of "The New Knowledge," and a recognized authority on industrial chemistry, large manufacturing concerns have installed fellowships in the school and have trained chemists now at work on many problems of modern commerce, such as more economical methods of bread-making, practical uses for Portland cement, improvements in optical glass, the elimination of wear in laundry methods. Ten fellowships are now open to trained chemists and more are being added constantly, the last one offering \$1,500 a year to the holder.

The University has museums that rank among the best in the United States. Its natural history specimens, collected all over North America and arranged in a splendid panorama in the museum building, are considered among the finest in the United States. Its entomological museum contains nearly 300,000 specimens and has a world-wide reputation, being the largest in the United States. The paleontological collection represents the work of years of fossil hunters who have toiled in the chalk beds of the west with the result that all the principal geologic formations are represented.

Fifteen large college buildings make up the University equipment at Lawrence, in addition to the three buildings of the medical school in Kansas City. These buildings are a general college



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CAMPUS.

building, erected at a cost of \$150,000, a large library, a natural history museum, a law building, a physics building, a biological science building, a medical building, a chemistry building, shops for the engineers, a \$125,000 gymnasium, two large engineering buildings just completed, a fine arts building and a large power plant. The last legislature granted the first wing of a half-million-dollar administration building, an electrical building and a state hospital at Kansas City. The buildings and equipment are worth nearly \$2,000,000. The people of the state are proud of their University and support it generously. A few months ago, in order to show the needs of the school for even larger appropriations, the loyal alumni and faculty chartered a special train and brought the entire legislature and the governor's official family from the state capital, with the result that the University obtained an appropriation for the next biennium of \$1,000,000.

In the last house of representatives of the state legislature, forty-five of the 125 members were University men. Many of the University graduates and former students have attained national prominence: Richard Ballinger, the present secretary of interior in Taft's cabinet; Herbert Hadley, the present governor of Missouri; William Allen White, of Emporia, one of the foremost writers of the day; General Frederick Funston, the senior brigadier general; Congressman Charles F. Scott, chairman of the committee on agriculture; United States Senator Borah, of Idaho; Governor R. W. Stubbs, of Kansas, and others.

In athletics, Kansas has been particularly fortunate the last year, winning the Missouri Valley football championship by walloping Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma and Washington Universities. In basketball, Kansas repeated the trick, losing only three games out of more than thirty and winning the conference championship. The captain, Earl Woodward, and Donald Martindale were both Alpha Taus. In baseball, but two conference games have been played, one with Missouri and one with Nebraska, and both have been won by Kansas, Roy Burdick, one of the pitchers, being an Alpha Tau. In tennis, the University won the title last year beyond all doubt and looks like a sure winner again this year. Two Alpha Taus, Watson and Weaverling, were on the team last year and three, Watson (captain).



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Farnsworth and Wood, are on the team this year. In track athletics, the school finds itself weak as a result of inadequate gymnasium facilities for years. The advantages offered by the new gymnasium will doubtless soon remove this state of affairs. Donald Martindell represents the Alpha Taus in the quarter mile and the broad jump.

Eight national fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and four national sororities, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega, are represented here in addition to two law fraternities, Phi Delta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta; one medical, Nu Sigma Nu, and one pharmlcal, Pi Theta Sigma. Interfraternity debates, baseball and tennis tournaments, together with smokers and delightful formal parties, make up some of the inter-Greek life of the school.

Gamma Mu of Alpha Tau Omega has been a success, because its members were imbued with the same Kansas spirit that has characterized the state. It is a young chapter being installed only eight years ago, but it has accomplished much and has taken a place in the first rank in Greek-letter affairs at the University. It has a rapidly growing band of loyal alumni scattered over the state who are lending their earnest support and endeavor to procure for the chapter a fine new \$20,000 home of its own and this campaign is sure to be brought to a successful conclusion, for the ties of the bond hold closely "way out west in Kansas." Gamma Mu was fortunate in the character of its charter members and this has left its impress upon the chapter and given it a good start. All of its charter members were leaders in school life as well as good scholars, for there were Sigma Xis and Phi Beta Kappas among the number. The chapter has had class officers, two football captains, one track captain, one basketball captain and many individual athletes. It has had two editors of the college paper and by a curious coincidence every Alpha Tau, who has graduated from the law school, has been elected to Phi Delta Phi. At present the chapter is housed in a fine home at 1633 Vermont Street, where a royal welcome awaits any of the visiting brothers. It has one of the finest fraternity houses in the city and much use is made of it in entertaining guests.

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THE CHAPTER HOUSE PROBLEM.

By PROF. EDWARD E. McDERMOTT.

[Shortly before his death, Prof. McDermott submitted the following article to Mr. W. O. Miller, the editor of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. Instead of publishing the same immediately Mr. Miller solicited, through the various Greek-letter editors, the comments and criticism of educators and fraternity officers. He secured the views of some thirty prominent men and women and these, together with the article, have been published in many Greek journals. Lack of space compels the PALM to limit the symposium to Prof. McDermott's article and the comments thereon by Dr. E. P. Lyon and Wesley E. King of our own fraternity. —EDITOR.]

THE college fraternity has had three pretty distinct periods of existence and its meeting place during each of these periods has been a fair index to the status of the organization.

The first period was marked by profound secrecy on the part of the fraternity, and bitter opposition on the part of the faculty and the public. The meeting place was a student's room; not infrequently it was a protected nook in the woods, or more often a cellar under some dormitory, reached through a trap-door in the floor of a devoted member's room. The badge or insignia, when worn at all, was pinned to the inside of the vest-pocket and every evidence of membership was sacredly guarded because knowledge of this fact was sure to result in expulsion or some other form of severe discipline. Every act of the fraternity was shrouded in mystery—a most alluring characteristic to the college youth, and most horrifying to the faculty and public.

Under such circumstances a half-dozen of the older fraternities were born and maintained a precarious existence between the years 1827 and 1832. Hampered in this way they could do little more than live. But, as opposition always strengthens the ties of those opposed, some of the truest college friendships were formed during this period, and a foundation was laid for better things.

The brilliant, aggressive, intrepid young men of those days were naturally drawn to the fraternity because of the very spice of the adventure. Later many of these same men became members of college faculties. They knew the fraternity from the inside and saw no special harm in it. They had drawn its constitution and by-laws, which for the most part breathed devotion to lofty sentiments and high ideals. Naturally enough, the hostility of the faculty, when it was re-enforced by a sprinkling of these men, began to relax and the fraternity passed into its second stage of existence—toleration.

During this period a room was frequently hired over a downtown store. This was the meeting place. Some of the earliest "chapter halls" were erected at this time. Architecturally they are peculiar buildings and resemble jails or arsenals quite as much as dwellings. The double purpose of admitting light and preventing eaves-dropping—for the secrets of the fraternity were still supposed to be worth knowing—was accomplished by placing windows very high on the side walls or even on the roof. The pin, or insignia, came out of its hiding place in the pocket.

Finally the advantage of closer association among the members was recognized and the relative unimportance of the secrets admitted—at least tacitly. Then it was that the fraternity entered upon the third and present stage of its development. It bought or rented a dwelling house, frequently installed the entire undergraduate membership therein, and began the regular family life that has characterized it for the past quarter of a century. It is as private but scarcely more secret than any other family. It is with this third period, the chapter-house as a home, that this paper is chiefly concerned.

Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members? Let us see. To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question a circular letter was addressed to members of eleven different fraternities, and to the presidents, deans and registrars of numerous leading universities.

One hundred and thirty-two answers were received to the question—"What are the chief benefits of student life in the chapter-house?"

The answers are varied, but a vast majority mention intimate and lasting friendship. To show the general sentiment a few may be read.

First, from the students:

"Subordination of selfish and personal interests to the general good."

"Close fellowship and sense of chapter responsibility."

"Executive work in management of fraternity."

"Sense of responsibility placed upon upperclassmen."

From the presidents and deans:

"Means of reaching students in matters of discipline."

"A good chapter-house is a fair substitute for home life."

"Oversight by older men—especially by young graduates."

"Comradeship, co-operation, group tradition and responsibility; fairly good board and room."

"College loyalty."

"Good manners; close friendship with some men worth knowing; national fraternity better than local clique; experience in handling business affairs and avoiding collective disgrace."

Now let us look at the other side. One hundred and forty-eight answers were received to the question—"What are the chief dangers to be guarded against in the chapter-house?"

One hundred and ten or seventy-five per cent., placed waste of time first. Other answers are scattering but interesting.

From students:

"Serious dissipation where sense of chapter honor and responsibility for chapter good name are lacking."

"Temptation to drink, gamble and indulge in the social evil pretty strong when the crowd inclines that way."

"Smoking, playing cards and telling coarse stories for two or three hours at a stretch."

"Snobbishness, particularly in underclassmen, shown in emphasizing fraternal spirit to detriment of college loyalty."

"Running into debt, over-exclusiveness, snobbishness and misconduct."

"Growth of clannishness and fraternity selfishness and consequent loss of college spirit; control by sporty element; freedom from restraint."

"Non-observance of 'house rules.' "

"Exclusiveness and extravagance."

From presidents and deans:

"Waste of time; dissipation of energy; clannishness; the evils of politics."

"Too much of a good time and its results."

"Loafing; contamination of crowd by dissolute members; vicious and vulgar conversation; false and cheap ideals of being men of the world; moral cynicism."

"Clannishness; house degenerating into a loafing place; undertaking cause of poor students and securing concessions, if possible; feeling of independence of university restraint socially."

"Danger of being drawn into narrow, selfish and shallow interests and thus losing the larger, more democratic influence of the college as a whole."

"Bad society and exclusiveness."

"Over-emphasis of social life; lack of responsible executive to carry out house-rules."

"The low intellectual tone—when uninfluenced by alumni—tends to pass from generation to generation."

"Cultivation of social, athletic and snobbish attitude, and general lack of seriousness."

"Substitution of social life for hard study."

"Laziness."

It becomes very apparent after reading all these letters that there are benefits and there are dangers. But whatever the benefits and dangers, we may be sure of one thing. The fraternity is here to stay and whether it grows better or worse will depend upon our treatment of it.

Legislators and other enemies who would destroy it by statute might just as well acknowledge—what all history proves—that wherever men are drawn together into large bodies, as they are in the modern universities, they are sure to break up into smaller groups. This being true and inevitable, we are bound to have the fraternity or some similar organization.

It is acknowledged at Princeton—where the fraternity, as such, has been successfully suppressed—that these "similar organizations," clubs and cliques, have all of the disadvantages and lack many of the advantages of the fraternity.

That it is here to stay is proven by the fact that it has grown in less than a century from a despised institution with a handful of outlaws into a respected institution with a membership, graduate and undergraduate, of over 186,000. It counts among its numbers presidents and vice-presidents, senators and congressmen, federal and state judges of supreme courts, and thousands of men high in law, medicine, the ministry, teaching and business.

Most of these men are devoted to the old home. This home has many cherished memories and in a material way it represents much valuable property. The taxable assets of a single chapter are, not infrequently, more valuable than the total endowment of some of our good colleges forty years ago. Nearly one thousand chapters own, or rent, and furnish seven hundred houses. These houses are the homes of eighteen thousand of our most promising young men for nine months of each year. In the last quarter of a century the membership has trebled and the number of chapter-houses has increased over fifty per cent.

Any organization that is wholly bad—as many of its enemies believe the fraternity to be—can not flourish in this manner. “There is nothing that succeeds like success,” and with this splendid growth behind the fraternity it is as idle for its enemies to talk of rooting it out, by legislation or otherwise, as it is idle to talk of rooting out the blades of grass in the Mississippi Valley. The fraternity is as much a fixture in the university as the university itself is a fixture in the community. Its problems are the university’s problems, for the most part, and the university’s problems are its problems. Why not accept it, therefore, as a permanent factor in college life, study its problems sympathetically and scientifically, and make it in every case what it is in some cases—a power for good?

One of these problems which belong to both the university and the fraternity is the decline of scholarship. To prove that there has been a decline an effort was made to gather statistics at two points of time—1880 and 1906. The effort was not altogether successful, for while the figures for the later period were easily secured, those for the earlier were not easily procurable and not complete enough to be entirely reliable. But they do point to two conclusions with considerable certainty. The first is that *scholarship is declining and social life arising in the fraternities.*

The second is that *this change is going on much more rapidly in the West than in the East.*

The first tendency is shown by the fact that twenty years ago the five following college interests stood in the order here named:

Scholarship,
Oratory and Debate,
Literary distinction,
Athletic honors,
Social mention.

(These five are taken because they stand out prominently in all the reports and records.)

The relative place that these interests now hold in the minds of fraternity men is quite reversed, as the following figures show:

Social distinction.....	308
Athletic honors.....	289
Literary distinction.....	153
Scholarship.....	124
Oratory and Debate.....	77

In other words, of the mention in college publications which fraternity men think it worth while to make of themselves and their achievements to-day, nearly $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. is social distinction and less than 13 per cent. is honors in scholarships.

Or to put it in another way, out of every 951 times that fraternity men deliberately call attention to their activities as things worthy of special consideration, 308 are social, 289 athletic, 153 literary, 124 scholarship and 77 public speaking.

The "mention" in these publications that was taken to indicate "scholarship" is Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and special prizes and honorable mention in economics, history, language and in a few cases, mathematics.

It is not contended here that possession of Phi Beta Kappa is an unfailing indication of scholarship. By no means. It is frequently and truthfully remarked that the P. B. K. man is often a mere book-worm and is lost sight of promptly after Commencement. But it is contended that the men who stand well up in their classes are the ones who, as a rule, are obtaining the best

mental discipline. And it is contended, further, that mental discipline is more essential to-day than ever before. The problems in legislation, in the legal profession, in engineering and other technical lines, call for trained minds.

Of course, if one takes the ground that mere getting and spending constitutes success in life then the above observations do not hold good, and it is to be feared that too many of our young men do take this ground. The "smart" fraternity man, especially, refers contemptuously to the good student as a "shark" and a "grind," as though it were almost a disgrace to do one's work well. He sees that good scholars frequently earn but one hundred dollars a month, while clever rascals with little or no education make millions. Why should he study? But this paper takes the higher ground that the college man, because of his peculiar advantages, owes something to somebody besides himself. He is not succeeding if he is merely taking advantage of the weaker members of society in order that he may gain the means with which to satisfy his appetites and passions. Such an ideal ought to be distinctly beneath the college man, and the fraternity has the best possible opportunity to impress this fact upon his mind.

The second tendency mentioned above, namely, that this change is taking place more rapidly in the West than in the East, is shown by the following figures:

	Eastern.	Western.
Social mention.....	106	202
Athletic honors.....	142	147
Scholarship.....	102	22
Literary distinction.....	71	76
Oratory and debate.....	69	8

A possible explanation of this second tendency is found in the fact that the Eastern fraternity had well established traditions twenty years ago, when part of the statistics were gathered which lead to the above conclusion, and these traditions demanded among other things good scholarship. Every chapter had a record to maintain, whereas the Western chapter fell heir to no such legacy.

It ought to be mentioned at this point that interest in debate and oratory in Western universities is probably greater than ever

before but, as the figure 8 for the Western chapter shows, the honors are no longer going to fraternity men.

In the last twelve years but one fraternity man has represented the University of Minnesota in an intercollegiate oratorical contest, and but five in intercollegiate debate, although twenty-one such honors have been awarded in the former and eighty-one in the latter. Eighteen years ago the fraternity men were taking *all* the honors in this line.

It may be worth while to mention a single case in connection with scholarship—since it is now under discussion. The secretary's records show that but two fraternity men were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa in 1905 at the University of Minnesota and not one in 1906 or 1907, although a total of 44 men were so honored in the last three years. Two is 4.5 per cent. of 44—not a large percentage of honors for the fraternity men to gather in, surely.

This is not because the fraternities at Minnesota have a poorer grade of men than other Western universities have. Exact figures are not at hand to prove this point, but I am confident that such is not the case. Nor is it because fraternity men have not the capacity for scholarship. As a rule, they have the advantage of brains, wealth (sometimes too much) and social polish when they come to the university.

They simply lack the desire for scholarship because we, the alumni, have failed to hold up before our younger brothers the fact that scholarship *is one* of the things for which a man comes to college.

Of course, we can pass the matter by and say complaisantly that "we do not care for Phi Beta Kappa. It is an empty honor anyhow. We are getting things of greater value." But will parents continue to believe us indefinitely? Will the public—whose good opinion we covet because we want its best young men—will the public believe us? Will it not think this is another case of "sour grapes?"

Whether we think it a wise or unwise policy to call attention to this fact we may be sure that it will not long escape notice by the ambitious young men who come to our universities. Such things have an unpleasant way of "leaking out." The safest way for us is not to try to conceal a bit of damaging evidence,

but admit it frankly and then promptly adopt a policy that will eliminate it.

Admitting that there has been a decline, it is important but difficult to name all the causes. Let us look for a moment at two or three.

It is believed by many who have studied this problem, and whose opinions are worthy of respect, that the decline in scholarship and consequent rise of lighter substitutes is due in part to the *absence of personal and daily contact between student and instructor*, and in part to the *unlimited introduction of electives and culture courses*.

The Briggs Report of Harvard clearly indicates this.

This absence of daily contact between student and instructor is due very largely to the unprecedented growth of American universities. The last quarter of a century has been pre-eminently a period of great university building. These institutions have become great machines—almost as soulless as the corporations—which have no time for individuals, ruthlessly crush down those who can not take care of themselves and allow the socially inclined to live a butterfly life.

Parents make a mistake who trust that the modern faculty stands *in loco parentis* as did the faculty of the small ecclesiastical college half a century ago. Its members are absorbed in research work, lectures to large numbers of students, and administrative detail. They would not if they could and they could not if they would exercise the constant care over the individual student that was practically guaranteed to parents who sent their sons to college in those early days.

These larger institutions offer great opportunity—for strength and for weakness. They allow the strong to become stronger and the weak to grow weaker.

Even the smaller colleges have trebled and often quadrupled their numbers without increasing their teaching force in the same proportion. They lack the necessary funds.

Second among the causes mentioned above is the sudden adoption of the unlimited elective system and coincident with this the free introduction of the so-called “culture studies”—lecture courses in which the professor is expected to do all the

studying and reciting and his students all the listening and criticising.

There is an old-fashioned notion, pretty well exploded now, that the way to develop the mind is to apply it vigorously five or six hours every day, six days every week, and nine months every year during four years, to subjects that demand concentration—such as mathematics, Greek, Latin, physics and philosophy.

The new attitude toward study is admirably expressed by a motto which is said to be prominently displayed in the private rooms of nearly every student in a well-known girls' college in the East—"Don't let your college work interfere with your college life!" And again it is expressed by a remark which I recently overheard one student make to another. "These confounded studies take so much of a man's time!"—as though the chief business of the student were to amuse himself, and anything which stood in the way of this was an intolerable nuisance.

The modern idea seems to be that if a man is entertained by interesting lectures for three hours a day and spends the remainder of his time in class scraps and cane rushes; fraternity, class and intercollegiate games of football, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, hockey, bowling and curling; glee, mandolin, brass-band and other musical and dramatic clubs, cosmopolitan and metropolitan associations, and other "student interests" *ad infinitum*, and then with a pot of black coffee at his side and a wet towel around his head at the close of the semester, crams up for a week to "get by" his bothersome quizzes, he will come out with a well-trained mind, capable of solving the difficult problems of the most complex civilization the world has ever known.

To say the least, it does not seem quite orthodox to one trained in the old way.

Is it not possible that a third and contributory cause of the decline in scholarship is found in the modern chapter-house, which furnishes such a comfortable home-life among congenial spirits and offers such abundant opportunity for dissipation of time and energy?

At any rate we have a problem in the decline, and the question arises as to whether the modern fraternity, through its chapter house system, can assist the university in solving it, for at least this one of the university's problems is the fraternity's problem.

To determine this the question was asked, in the circular letter referred to—

"What does the present-day fraternity need most in order to be of the greatest service to its members?" The answers are all worth perusal. We have space for but a few of them.

From presidents and deans:

"A return to the best traditions of the early days of fraternities and a recognition of other present-day responsibilities by themselves and the governing bodies of institutions."

"More breadth of view; less of the spirit of clique and exclusiveness."

"A quickening of the earlier literary interest; a larger sense of the primacy of college over fraternity interests—or rather of the dependence of fraternity interests on a wholesome college life."

"First, simplicity of living; second, the intellectual element thrust to the front in the weekly meetings of the chapter; third, a high sense of honor and moral ideals which would lead to the ejection of an unworthy member."

"Active interest and a sense of responsibility on the part of resident alumni. There is too much loafing in the chapter parlors; there is almost no serious conversation the men as a whole do not study enough and have not serious ideals."

"Higher ideals of what constitutes manliness; a better and more serious notion of the effects of beer and tobacco on future effectiveness; a higher regard for the value of time; a rigid scholarship committee in the university which will not hesitate to send home all who do not do a man's work."

"Right kind of undergraduate headship to insure a healthy moral tone and to exalt ideals of work; friendly comradeship and oversight on the part of faculty and other alumni members; wise but vigilant supervision by the university authorities."

"Intelligent sympathy on the part of college officers, and close relations between active and graduate members."

"Attention of their alumni."

"Progress along the lines which mark its development for the last twenty-five years and a fuller realization that the prosperity of the fraternity is one with the institution in which it is situated."

"The effective influence of alumni members. Undergraduates yield to temptation to enjoy the house." They need the stimulus of resident graduates and of earnest and scholarly upper-classmen."

"To be represented more generally in all departments of college life, by the best men, of course, in each kind of work."

"To keep more closely in touch with faculty affairs and support the best interests of college."

"To become more a part of the university."

From students:

"Better ideals. Fraternities are too often exclusively dancing and smoking clubs."

"More true, unselfish, good fellows and less of the men who make success pure and simple their aim."

"Strong men with old-fashioned ideals of college life and work; less of the feeling of smartness and fast life of a fraternity; the inculcation of principles of purity and earnest purpose."

"Individuality of members; the fraternity is now too much of a mill through which all men are ground out after the same type."

"In general, a man's scholarship may deteriorate as a result of the chapter-house, but he gains something intangible, vastly more valuable."

"Better men—men of strong personality and firm principles. There is here too much effort to get good-fellowship and harmony at the expense of anything and everything else."

"A definite standard of excellence in all branches of college activity with a system of alumni and upperclassmen supervision to keep the undergraduate body as far as possible up to the standard set."

"More unity in national fraternity and more attention to ideals just now; we are becoming commonplace and losing all sense of dignity and high purpose."

"Strict adhesion to a policy embodying high ideals, cultivating friendship between all fraternity men; a policy disapproving of under-hand and base methods—which must weaken the men who permit such things; an aggressive policy of mental improvement to its members and the university or college, and the making the fraternity a greater factor for good in the development of men of our national life."

"To be let alone."

Several things become apparent to one who reads all these responses. The fraternity chapter-house is a potent factor for good or for evil. Whether it develops into the one or the other depends upon how it is handled. The fact that the answers are so frequently diametrically opposed shows that conditions vary widely in different chapters of the same fraternity and proves that no man can safely judge a fraternity as a whole who knows but a single chapter in a single university.

The advantages pointed out and now being enjoyed in many chapter-houses by scores of young men leave no room for doubt as to the benefits, while, on the other hand, the frank statements of corresponding secretaries as to the dangers and disadvantages prove just as conclusively that the chapter-house may be a serious menace to the best interests of many young men.

Again, these open answers by young men who *know*, pointing out the dangers and defects of their own homes, show clearly that any one who attempts to solve this problem scientifically—without any hobby to ride or any preconceived notion to carry out, who is willing to find the facts and apply the remedy—will have cordial co-operation. With few exceptions there is no attempt at evasion or concealment of conditions; the answers come like blows straight from the shoulder. It is evident that the chapters which are going wrong are not as a whole wedded to their weakness. Most of the men in them would welcome reform if it were brought about at the right time and in the right way.

The fact, then, that the chapter-house is a force for evil as well as for good ought to discourage no true reformer. The further fact that some chapters have gone wrong and have died a violent death in their own sins or have had their charters revoked is no valid argument against the fraternity system or the modern chapter-house. Every factor in civilization—the church not excepted—is open to the same criticism.

It is not contended here that the fraternity can accomplish the impossible, but that it can do in every chapter what it is now doing in the best. It can, for example,

1. Prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse, by forcing him out into society

2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.

3. It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from becoming the laughing-stock of sensible people.

4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter-house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.

5. It can hold in check a young man of strong appetites and passions until the danger point is passed—until he has developed sufficient strength of character to resist temptation.

6. It can reach down a helping hand to a hard-working, honest student who needs help and lift him up.

7. In short, it can keep constantly before its men the desirability of a well-rounded, symmetrical life.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well-organized, well-regulated fraternity can do with its men in four years is almost incredible to the outsider, because the outsider does not realize the tremendous hold that the fraternity gets upon its men. The boys are gathered together on the basis of similar tastes and ideals, when the rushing is properly done. Their constant association soon makes of them the closest friends. In a short time they would infinitely rather disgrace themselves than their fraternity brothers and their organization. Many a boy, when he feels quite alone, unobserved and responsible to no one but himself—as he not infrequently does in a big university and a big city—will take risks that he would not think of taking when his fraternity brothers are involved. The danger of losing his best friends and the bitterness of a censure from an upperclassman whom he loves and admires are a sufficient check.

Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not infrequently power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the chapters can be made as good as the best.

Of those who expressed an opinion on the desirability of a return to ideals which demand better scholarship 81 per cent. agree that it *is* needed as a foundation upon which to rest culture and success in life, and they further agree that the reformation of the fraternity must come through the co-operation of the upper-classmen with the alumni, their friends, not through the legislators, the regents, trustees or faculty.

The movement to employ all the time of a general secretary, a traveling, paid official, is being watched with interest, and much is hoped for from him. His broad views resulting from intimate knowledge of local conditions in all the chapters will enable him to offer wise counsel. But one man can not accomplish everything and the bulk of the work must be done for every chapter by the local, resident alumni. They are its natural guardians. Generally they own the chapter-house and its elaborate furnishings. They place these valuable equipments in the hands of their younger brothers.

What is more natural, what is more reasonable than that they should demand an accounting—not primarily in a material way, for this is relatively unimportant; but in an intellectual, moral, social, man-developing way? This is the plain duty of the alumni and it should be their privilege.

It is just as reprehensible for the better class of fraternity alumni to abandon their chapters and give them up to the "sporty element"—because these chapters do not exactly please them—as it is for the better citizens to abandon municipal government to professional politicians and ward-healers. There are enough good men in every fraternity and in every municipality to do the right thing. But they must be active.

This duty of the alumnus, however, is a most delicate one and demands just the right man. He must love the fraternity. He must know its history and traditions. He must have a deep personal interest in the underclassman and feel that every boy has possibilities. He must be young enough still to remember how a freshman feels and looks at life, and he must distinguish intuitively between the foibles of youth and real vicious tendencies. He must wink at the one and suppress the other. By prompt and judicious action he must counteract the unwholesome influ-

ence of a man who is going wrong, and save the chapter at least—if not the individual—from the results of his folly. He must have and hold the love and admiration of the underclassman or he is not the one for the place. And he must accomplish all this, for the most part, unobtrusively. Ironclad, coercive rules from the alumni will not be wise except in extreme cases. They will defeat their own purpose by creating the same feeling of distrust and dislike which existed between the preacher-professor and the students of our early ecclesiastical colleges.

Of course, the alumnus can not accomplish all this without the sympathy and active assistance of the upperclassmen. But the better, stronger upperclassmen in every chapter are ready for this assistance.

Hear this one letter from the secretary of a strong chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity:

"The object of the fraternity, as I see it, is to take the place of the family and home life. The students have, upon entering college, come out from under the guiding influence of the parents or the paternal preparatory school. This lack of restraint and new-found liberty is likely to become license, and in the case of the weaker individuals to lead to ruin. It is at this point that the fraternity steps in. The influence of the fraternity can not be good unless its atmosphere is wholesome. Its atmosphere can not be wholesome unless the seniors are earnest, carefully trained men, with a keen sense of duty, who will dominate and sway the policy of the chapter. A prominent professor here told me that a word from a senior had a more salutary effect upon a freshman of the same fraternity than any amount of talk from one of the faculty, in a case where a freshman was 'down' in his work.

"I should say, therefore, that the greatest need of the present-day fraternity is a more careful organization of the chapter and the system, so that the senior will be fitted to dominate the chapter and so that he will do so."

It is extremely desirable that just such young men as this one should be in charge of the active chapter. They would welcome the counsel and co-operation of the right kind of an alumnus, and the alumnus must offer this assistance lest even the strong undergraduate should weary in well-doing.

The alumnus must give this assistance or he must be prepared, twenty years hence when he visits the old home, to greet a weaker chapter than he meets to-day, for the tendency in all the fraternities is unmistakably toward waste of time, weaker scholarship and more society, "fussing" and other adjuncts.

Most fraternity men of the last generation remember with pride that the best men in college could be had by the fraternities for the asking. It is not universally so to-day. Already many strong young men are shunning them as organizations which will rob them of their honorable ambitions on the one hand, or cultivate in them a crop of habits that are of very questionable value, on the other.

The alumni can prevent all this and it is their duty to do so. Already they give valuable property and frequently more valuable time, and they have a right to expect every chapter of their fraternity to develop men who will preserve their traditions and honor their fraternity and their *alma mater*.

The public has a right to expect this much of the fraternity. Last year it gave \$399,688,910 for the education of the youth of this land. It sees the secondary schools pour into the chapter-houses the best blood and brains of the state. After four years it expects to see returned to every honorable calling in every community, strong men, molders of public opinion—public opinion, the controlling force in a democracy. No organization is worthy support whose sole object is simply to protect itself and maintain its existence. The problems of society are so numerous and so complicated that both individuals and social organizations are in duty bound to enter the field determined to leave the world better than they found it. No organization has a right to ask for support unless it has some noble mission.

FROM E. P. LYON, WORTHY GRAND CHIEF,
ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

In our universities generally, outside as well as inside of the fraternities, there is more or less of an inclination to believe that scholarship is not the principal thing for which one goes to college, and that what might be termed "learning to live" is the real object of one's spending four years in an institution of learning.

However much we may agree with this proposition, still it seems to me that "learning to live," in its best sense, means the acquisition of that power which only comes from a thoroughly disciplined and well-informed mind, and is derived from thorough attention to scholarly attainments. I believe that Prof. McDermott's statistics express a lamentable fact as to the present tendency of fraternity life.

Now, as to remedies which may be applied. I will state that I have for two years been laboring on this same problem in connection with my work in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The most important step which I have taken is one which Prof. McDermott emphasizes, and which in the end is bound to produce the best results, although perhaps for a time the results seem meager and intangible. I mean the creation of a different sentiment and spirit among the undergraduates in regard to this matter, and the revival in them of the idea that scholarship should be the principal aim of the student in college. I have attempted to arouse this spirit by means of circular letters to all the chapters, by addresses at banquets and other fraternity meetings and by urging prominent members of the fraternity on all occasions to speak in favor of higher scholarship. I think a great deal has been effected through our province chiefs in this direction.

In addition, I have instituted several minor methods of directing the attention of the men in the chapters towards scholarly attainments. I have had prepared a form of honorary certificate, which is granted to every Alpha Tau, who, on graduating from college, takes distinguished rank in scholarship, oratory or debate, or who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa or to any of the other honorary societies. The winners of these certificates are mentioned in my circular letters to the chapters and in the fraternity's journal. I have also instituted a semi-annual report concerning scholarship, which each chapter is required to make through the province chief to me. This report contains the names of all undergraduates, who during the previous semester have been conditioned or who have failed in any subject. The province chiefs and myself then do all we can to imbue the delinquents with the idea that they must do better.

Still a third method which is assisting us in getting an im-

provement along scholarship lines is that of inspections. Our province chiefs are required to visit all chapters at frequent intervals, and when on these visits they are required to call upon the president or registrar of the institution and inquire into the scholarship and behavior of our men. We also urge each chapter to have a committee of upperclassmen to watch carefully over the younger and see that they attend to their work. By all of these methods I feel that we are getting considerable improvement, and I hope that before many years have passed by we may have quite different ideals in force in regard to the desirability of high scholastic achievement.

FROM WESLEY E. KING, FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF
OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

As a result of rather close association with several chapters of my fraternity in the Middle West and through having come in contact with many chapters of other fraternities in these institutions, I am enthusiastically a supporter of chapter-houses. There is little question but that the chapter-house method of living and of chapter conduct is a distinct improvement over the old system. By living their daily lives together the members of a chapter become more thoroughly acquainted, they have many more opportunities of noting the individual character and conduct of each other and, if their intentions be good and their purposes honest, they are thereby enabled to be of more assistance to each other from week to week and month to month, and the opportunities are greatly enhanced for making the fraternity, its principles, its precepts and its examples more certainly a part of their own lives.

Speaking from experience, I am forced to say that, living as the case suits, partaking of fraternity work and fraternity recreation at the club-room semi-occasionally, hardly serves to make the fraternity, in the minds of its members, little more than a myth, a something that the old fellows have much to say about, a something that the member is supposed to be tremendously fortunate in having received and enjoyed, a something about which he is supposed to have an undying love and enthusiasm, and a something mysterious which the unfortunate "barbs" can not com-

prehend. Yet, withal, this fraternity life is something outside of his regular school life; it is an extra, a luxury, an adjunct.

Since closing my own university career it has been my good fortune to all but live at a chapter house, the advantages of which have struck me so forcibly and they have remained with me so constantly, that I found it a pleasure to do all in my power that one chapter might procure and maintain a permanent abode of its own, which I could not have done but for the deep conviction that such a life has for the individual member a multitude of advantages, and I am convinced that the frater has abundant opportunities to become thereby a better frater, the chapter a stronger chapter, the fraternity a more useful element and a more salutary influence in university and college life.

Quite the most interesting paragraph contained in the historical sketch (1902-1908) in Sigma Chis recently issued "Manual and Directory" informs the fraternity world of Sigma Chi's discovery of two long "lost" chapters.

"Recent information," says the grand historian, the editor of the manual, "seems to warrant us in giving a place in this volume to two 'lost' chapters which have not appeared in previous directories, viz., Epsilon (original) of the University of Nashville, installed May, 1856, and Chi Psi of the University of Louisiana, installed in 1882. Neither of these organizations were of long duration, and as official records were not preserved regarding them, it is only by chance that these data, incomplete as they are, have come to light."

Of Epsilon chapter the grand historian has learned that there were at least eight members, whose names are given, "but very little is known of either the history of the movement to found a chapter, or of the causes which led to its failure." As for the second "lost" chapter, that at the now defunct University of Louisiana, Sigma Chi until lately believed that the attempt of two of its members to found Chi Psi chapter "was indefinitely postponed before any initiations had occurred," a belief which led the fraternity's governing body to declare that "the charter of Chi Psi had expired by non-use." But "recent investigations into the matter seem to show that this action was taken without full information regarding the facts, for the reason that at least one initiation did occur. The chapter is therefore given a place in this directory."—*Kappa Sigma Caduceus*.

ALPHA TAUS IN 'WHO'S WHO.'

THE part her alumni have taken in the world's work is a source of the greatest pride to Alpha Tau Omega. Among her men of note there are found soldiers and legislators, clergymen and diplomats, scientists and teachers. A mention in "Who's Who in America" is a recognition of worth that the best alone can obtain, and the number of names taken from the Alpha Tau Omega Register is a true criterion of the type of men which compose her membership. The fraternity is comparatively young, the oldest members being but little more than middle-aged men, but the annals of the oldest chapters show a roster of notables that is the pride and glory of our order. With age comes recognition and succeeding editions will contain each year, more and more names of Alpha Taus who are prominent in public affairs. A few of her illustrious members are numbered among the dead, but where their deeds have been chronicled in Who's Who, they are given here with those appearing in the last edition.

BACHELLER, A. IRVING, author. Graduate of St. Lawrence University, B. S., 1882; M. S., 1892; A. M., 1901. Connected with the press of New York for years; founder of the Bacheller Syndicate; until recently one of the editors of the *New York World*. Trustee of St. Lawrence University. Member Phi Beta Kappa. Author of "The Master of Silence," "The Still House O'Darrow," "Eben Holden," "D'ri and I," "Darrel of the Blessed Isles," "Vergilius," "Silas Strong," "Commodore Vanderbilt," and many short stories and poems. Residence, Riverside, Conn.

BRANSON, EUGENE C., educator. A. B. and A. M., Trinity College, N. C.; Principal of several high schools and academies; now president of Georgia State Normal School. Author of many text-books on pedagogy; editor of several annotated editions of standard works. Address, Athens, Ga.

BRATTON, THEO. DUBOSE, P. E. Bishop. Educated at Sewanee Grammar School and University of the South, B. D., 1887; D. D., 1902. Ordained priest, 1888. Consecrated Bishop of Mississippi, 1903. Address, Jackson, Miss.

BRECKENRIDGE, CLIFTON R., diplomatist. Born in Lexington, Ky., 1848; son of Gen. John C. Breckenridge (Vice-President of U. S. under President Buchanan). Served as a private in C. S. A., and later as midshipman in C. S. N. Elected member of Congress, 1883-1894, when he resigned to become the U. S. Minister to Russia. During the greater part of his congressional service he was on the Ways and Means Committee. President of the Arkansas Valley Trust Co. Home, Fort Smith, Ark.

BROWN, JOS. GILL, banker. Attended Trinity College, N. C., for one and a half years. President, Citizens National Bank, Raleigh, N. C., since 1894; president N. C. State Bankers' Association, and had previously held other executive offices in the association; president Board of Charities of Raleigh, 1905; treasurer of the City of Raleigh since 1885; president of Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; president of Clearing House Association; vice-president Atlantic Fire Insurance Co.; president Jefferson Standard Fire Insurance Co.

BRYAN, WM. JAS., U. S. Senator. A. B., Emory College, Ga., 1896; Honor Student at Emory; B. L., Washington & Lee University, 1899. Admitted to the bar, 1899; delegate-at-large to National Democratic Convention, 1904; appointed U. S. Senator, 1907. With the exception of Henry Clay, the youngest man ever sent to the Senate. Died in Washington, D. C., 1908, at the age of thirty-one.

BULLARD, ROBT. LEE, army officer. Educated at Ala. A. & M. College and U. S. Military Academy, West Point. Appointed 2nd Lieut. of 10th U. S. Inf., 1885. At the opening of the Spanish-American War, was appointed Col. of 3rd Ala. Inf., and at the close of the war was transferred to the regular army; appointed Lieut. Col. of the 8th Inf., 1906. Served in

Cuba and later in the Philippines during the period of insurrection. Special aide and investigator for the U. S. Provisional Gov't of Cuba, 1907. Author of numerous articles in leading magazines and military journals.

CALDWELL, JOSHUA WILLIAM, lawyer. Graduate of the University of Tenn., 1875; A. M., 1895. Admitted to Tenn. bar, 1877; lecturer on Tenn. laws and constitutional history at University of Tennessee. Trustee of the State University and of the State Deaf and Dumb School. President of the University of Tenn. Alumni Association since 1895; honorary member Tenn. Historical Society; corresponding member of Minn. Historical Society; member of Irving Club, Knoxville, Tenn. Author of "Constitutional History of Tennessee," "Bench and Bar of Tenn." Died, 1909.

CARSON, WILLIAM WALTER, civil engineer. Graduate of Washington & Lee University, 1868. Enlisted as a private in C. S. A. and rose to rank of sergeant-major. Instructor at Washington and Lee, and at Davidson College from 1869-1885. Appointed Professor of Civil Engineering of the University of Tenn., 1885, and has held the position since that time. Has been engineer on various railroads, and on city, river and other public works. Author of several articles on the calculus, rural highways and the control of the Mississippi River. Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineering Society of the South, Fred Ault Camp Confederate Veterans, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

CHILDRESS, JOHN W., judge circuit court. Born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1845; entered University of Nashville in Aug., 1861, but left school to join the C. S. A., in October, 1861, serving until 1865. Admitted to Tenn. bar, 1870. Has been Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee; President and Business Manager of *Nashville American*; Ex-Assistant District Attorney; declined an appointment to U. S. Senate, 1898; Attorney-at-law, Memphis, Tenn. Died, 1909.

CLARK, THOS. ARKLE, educator. B. L., University of Illinois; graduate student at University of Chicago and Harvard. Appointed instructor in Rhetoric and Latin at University of Ill., 1891, and rose to the rank of Dean of the College of Literature and Arts, 1901; made Dean of Undergraduates in 1901. Member of Modern Language Association; secretary of North Central Association of Colleges. Author of several text-books on Rhetoric and English; contributor to magazines and newspapers.

DAVIS, ARTHUR P., civil engineer. Graduate of Columbian University, Washington, D. C. Topographer for U. S. Geological Survey, 1884-1894, conducting surveys and explorations in Arizona, New Mexico and California; hydrographer in charge of all government stream measurements, 1895-97; hydrographer in charge of hydrographic examination of the Nicaragua and Panama Canal routes, 1898; now chief engineer U. S. Reclamation Service. Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington Academy of Science, National Geological Society. Author of about a dozen books on hydrography and hydraulic investigations; also contributed magazine articles on irrigation, Isthmian canals and other hydrographic subjects.

DE ROSSET, FREDERICK A., clergyman. Born in Wilmington, N. C., in 1856; educated by private tutors until 1863; attended school in London and Paris until 1865, and N. C. Military Academy until 1872. Matriculated at the University of the South in 1872, and graduated with the degree of M. A., in 1879; then attended General Theological Seminary, New York, until 1882. Deacon of P. E. Church, 1880; priest, 1882; curate of several churches until 1887; archdeacon of Springfield, Ill., since 1901. Member of several clerical societies; editor and publisher of "Diocese of Springfield;" in charge of Orphanage of the Holy Child; treasurer of province of Ill.; trustee of diocese of Springfield.

DICKINSON, THOS. H., educator and author. A. B., Ohio State University, 1899; M. A., Columbia University, 1900; Ph. D., University of Wisconsin, 1906. City Editor, *Cleveland*

Plain Dealer, 1900-1902; Instructor in English and Rhetoric, University of Wisconsin, 1902; assistant professor, 1905. Magazine contributor; editor of "19th Century English Prose;" editor of "Goldsmith's Plays;" editor of "Plays of Robert Greene in the Mermaid Series;" author of "Life of Wm. Morris;" author of several short plays and vaudeville sketches; author of "The Unbroken Road."

EVANS, BEVERLY D., jurist. Graduate of Mercer University, 1881; Yale, 1883, A. M. Member Ga. State Legislature, 1886-1888; Judge of Superior Courts of Middle Ga., 1897-1904; Associate Justice of Supreme Court, 1904-1907; now Chief Justice of Supreme Court. Residence, Atlanta, Ga.

EATON, THOMAS T., Baptist clergyman. Began his education at Colgate University in 1859; enlisted in C. S. A., and served under Gen. Forrest until the close of the war; resumed his studies at Washington and Lee University; was graduated in 1867, with degree of B. A.; D. D., 1880; LL. D., Southwestern Baptist University, 1886. Pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Walnut St. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; editor of *The Western Recorder*; contributor to the *Southern Baptist Pulpit*, has had several volumes of his sermons and addresses published.

FALL, FRANK A., author. Graduate of Albion College, Michigan, 1899; M. A., Columbia, 1901. Bursar of New York University since 1905. Member of Quill Club. Author of "Messages to Men," "Steering Gear," "Quill Points," "Life Lines for Men," "Blazed Trails," "Developing a Positive."

FOLKS, HOMER, associate editor of *Charities* since 1896. Graduate of Albion College, 1889. Officer of charities and aid associations in New York and Pennsylvania until 1898; served two terms as alderman of New York City; since 1893, secretary of the New York Charities Aid Association; since 1901, general secretary of National Conference of Charities and Correction; assisted U. S. military authorities in reorganizing

public charities in Cuba, 1900; commissioner of public charities of New York, 1902-04. Author of "History of the Care of Destitute, Neglected and Delinquent Children in the U. S. During the 19th Century;" Monograph for the U. S. Commission to the Paris Exposition; also of many pamphlets and magazine articles.

GAILOR, THOS. F., P. E. Bishop of Tenn. Graduate of Racine College, Wisconsin, 1876; S. T. B., General Theological Seminary, New York, 1879; S. T. D., Columbia, 1890; Gen. Theo. Sem., 1893; D. D., Trinity College, 1892; D. D., University of the South, 1894. Deacon, 1879; priest, 1880; professor at University of the South, 1882; chaplain, 1883; vice-chancellor, 1890; chancellor, 1908. Declined bishopric of Ga., 1890; elected bishop coadjutor of Tenn., 1893; succeeded Bishop Chas. Todd Quintard (of the Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega) upon his death, to the bishopric of Tenn. Author of fifteen ecclesiastical works. Address, Memphis, Tenn.

Goss, W. F. M., engineer, educator. Educated at Mass. Institute of Technology. Organized the department of Practical Mechanics at Purdue University and was appointed Dean of the Schools of Engineering and Director of the Engineering Laboratory, 1907; Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois, since Sept., 1907. Authority on locomotives and locomotive performance. Author of many scientific papers and reports on car axles, friction brakes, freight cars and economic value of higher steam pressure. Associate editor of *Railroad Gazette*; member of Jury of Awards, Columbian Exposition, 1893; member American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Master Car Builders' Association; Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; International Association for Testing Materials; Master Mechanics' Association; Western Railway Club; Indiana Academy of Science; Tau Beta Pi.

GURET, ABEL J., botanist. Graduate of the University of Vermont; Ph. B., 1890; Ph. B., Columbia, 1898. Specialist in the study of mosses; was first assistant of New Hampshire

State Normal School until 1899; has written monographs on several genera; editor of *Bryologist* a quarterly journal, devoted to the study of North American mosses; author of two books on mosses. Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

HAMILTON, JOHN W., M. E. Bishop. Graduate of Mt. Union College, Ohio; A. M., Wesleyan University, Conn.; D. D., Baker University, Kansas; LL. D., University of Southern California, De Pauw and Mt. Union College. Founder and for nine years pastor of the People's Church, Boston; Member of General Conference of the M. E. Church, 1888-1900; fraternal delegate to the churches in Ireland and England, 1898; member of the executive committee of the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, London, England, 1901; editor of *The Christian Educator*. Author of "Lives of the Methodist Bishops," "American Fraternal Greetings," "People's Church Pulpit," "Memorial of Jessie Lee and the Old Elm." Residence, San Francisco, Cal.

HASKELL, EUGENE E., civil engineer. Educated at Forestville Academy and Cornell University, C. E., 1890. With U. S. Lake Survey, 1879-80; ass't engineer, 1893-1906; with Mississippi River Commission, 1880-85; with United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1885-1893. Director of the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell University since 1906. Member of American Society of Civil Engineers; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Sigma Xi; National Geological Society. Author of various scientific papers.

HATT, WM. K., civil engineer. B. A., 1887, University of New Brunswick, Canada; C. E., Cornell, 1891; Ph. D., University of New Brunswick, 1901. Prof. of Civil Engineering at the University of New Brunswick, 1891; Instructor at Cornell, 1892; appointed Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, 1893; now Prof. of Civil Engineering and Director of the Laboratory for Testing Materials. Active in government investigations of road and building materials; recently

appointed consulting engineer of the Forest Service. Has contributed some hundred papers to magazines and scientific journals on timber and concrete testing. Member of Sigma Xi; American Society of Civil Engineers; International Association for Testing Materials; American Society for Testing Materials; American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association; Western Society of Engineers; American Association for the Advancement of Science.

HAYES, THOS. G., U. S. Representative and Mayor of Baltimore. Graduate of Virginia Military Institute. Served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil War; studied Law; admitted to Maryland bar, 1872; U. S. District Attorney for Maryland under Cleveland's 1st administration; member U. S. House of Representatives; Mayor of Baltimore, 1899-1903.

HEYWARD, DUNCAN C., Governor of South Carolina. Educated at Cheltenham Academy and at Washington & Lee University. Extensive rice planter; President of Standard Warehouse Co. and Columbia Savings and Trust Co.; Governor of South Carolina, 1903-1907. Residence, Columbia, S. C.

HOPKINS, ISAAC S., M. E. clergyman, educator and lecturer. Ph. D. at Emory College, Ga.; M. D., Medical College of Georgia; D. D., Central College, Mo. Professor of various departments and president of Emory College; organized Georgia School of Technology, a branch of the state university, and was its president eight years; pastor of leading churches in Atlanta, Ga.; St. Louis, Mo.; Chattanooga, Tenn., and Athens, Ga. Lecturer before various educational assemblies and contributor to magazines on literary and philosophical subjects. Address, La Grange, Ga.

KIRBY, J. EDWARD, educator. Graduate of Hillsdale College, Mich.; attended Theological School and graduated in 1899; graduate student, University of Virginia, 1907; D. D., Rollin's College and Temple College. President, Atlanta Theological Seminary, 1900-1905; president, Drexel College, 1905-07. Member of American Academy of Political and Social Science. Author of "Puritanism in the South." Residence, Ashland, Va.

LAFEAN, DANIEL F., congressman, manufacturer. Educated at Gettysburg College. Member of city council of York, Pa., for six years; president of the common branch, one term, when councils were a tie; U. S. Congressman from Pa., 1903-1909. Manufacturing confectioner. Member of following clubs: Lafayette and Bachelor (York, Pa.); Union Republican (Philadelphia); Pennsylvania (Washington, D. C.).

LYON, ELIAS P., educator physiologist. Graduate of Hillsdale College, Mich.; Ph. D., University of Chicago, 1897. Prof. Rush Medical College, 1900-01; professor of Physiology, University of Chicago, 1891-94; professor of Physiology, St. Louis University since 1904; dean of the Medical Department since 1907; biologist of Cook Greenland Expedition, 1894. Member American Physiological Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science. Contributor to the American Journal of Physiology. Residence, St. Louis, Mo.

MILTON, WM. H., JR., U. S. Senator. Graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Admitted to Florida bar, 1890; to U. S. Courts, 1894; City Clerk of Marianna, 1885-93; member of State Legislature, 1889; Mayor of Marianna, 1898-1899; presidential elector, 1892; appointed Surveyor General for Florida, 1894, by President Cleveland; appointed U. S. Senator to succeed Wm. J. Bryan (of Alpha Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega). President of Milton Land and Investment Co.; President of Board of Managers of State Reform School; Member of Knights of Pythias; Vice-President of Society of Cincinnati for State of Georgia. Residence, Marianna, Florida.

MORRIS, PAGE, U. S. Judge. Educated at William & Mary College; graduate of Virginia Military Institute, 1872. Professor of Mathematics at Texas Military Institute, 1873-76; professor of applied mathematics at Texas A. & M. College, 1876-79; admitted to Virginia Bar, 1880; removed to Duluth, Minn.; municipal judge and district attorney of

Duluth; judge of 6th Minn. District, 1895 to 1896; resigned to become member of Congress, 1897-03; U. S. Judge of District of Minn. since 1903.

OWEN, ROBERT L., U. S. Senator. Educated at private schools in Virginia; graduated at Washington and Lee University, A. M., 1877 (valedictorian and gold medalist); Principal of Cherokee Indian School and secretary of the Board of Education; began the practice of law, 1880; U. S. Indian agent for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1885-89; organizer of the First National Bank, of Muskogee, and its president, 1890-1900; owner of extensive banking, real estate, farming and cattle interests. As attorney for the Choctaws and Cherokees he recovered from the U. S. Government, in money, nearly \$9,000,000; drew up the Act of Congress, 1891, giving U. S. citizenship to every Indian in Indian Territory. Member National Democratic Committee, 1892-96; U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, 1907-13.

PAGE, WALTER H., editor of the *World's Work*. Educated at Bingham's School, Randolph Macon College and Johns Hopkins University. Editor *Forum*, 1890-95; literary advisor to Houghton, Mifflin and Co., 1895-99; editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*, 1896-99; founder and editor of the *World's Work* since 1900; member of the firm of Doubleday, Page and Co.; compiler of "Harper's Encyclopedia;" recently appointed by President Roosevelt a member of the committee of five to devise means of bettering the condition of the rural population. Clubs: University and National Arts. Author of "The Rebuilding of the Old Commonwealths."

PARKS, MARVIN McT., educator. A. B., Emory College, Georgia, 1892; graduate student, University of Chicago, 1894-95; Harvard, 1896. Professor of Latin, Andrew College, 1892-94; professor of Latin, Wesleyan College, 1896-97; professor of pedagogy, Georgia Normal and Industrial College, 1903-04; acting president, 1904-05; president since 1905. Address. Milledgeville, Ga.

PARSONS, WILLIS E., educator. Educated at Olivet College, Albion College and Princeton Theological Seminary; D. D., Olivet College, 1902. Presbyterian clergyman, 1884-1904; president of Parsons' College, Fairfield, Ia., since 1904.

PAUL, JOHN. Graduate of University of Virginia; entered Roanoke College, 1861, but left soon afterwards to enlist in C. S. A.; served until close of war. Admitted to Virginia bar, 1868; Commonwealth Attorney, 1870-77; member of Virginia State Senate, 1877-79; member U. S. House of Representatives, 1881-85; Judge of Circuit Court of State of Virginia; appointed Judge of the U. S. District Court of Western Virginia by President Cleveland. Died, 1902.

PENCE, WM. DAVID, civil engineer. Graduate of University of Illinois, C. E., 1895. Assistant and resident engineer, A. T. and S. F. Ry., 1886-92; instructor of civil engineering, University of Illinois, 1892; associate professor, 1898; professor of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, 1899-06; professor of Railway Engineering, University of Wisconsin, since 1906. Editor of the publications of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, since 1904; engineer of the Wisconsin Rate Commission and State Board of Assessment; member of U. S. Commission for the Drainage of the Kankakee Marsh Regions, 1904-06. Member of Sigma Xi; Tau Beta Pi; American Society of Civil Engineers; Western Society of Civil Engineers; Western Railway Club; Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; President of the Indiana Engineering Society, 1903-05. Author of "Stand Pipe Accidents and Failures in the U. S.," "Surveying Manual."

PHILLIPS, ULRICH B., educator. Graduate of University of Georgia; Ph. D., Columbia University. Winner of Justin Winsor Prize offered by American Historical Association. Instructor, University of Wisconsin, 1901; rose to rank of Assistant Professor; now holds chair of History at Tulane University. President American Federation of College Graduate Clubs. Author of several histories of State of

Georgia, of slavery in the South and various historical subjects relating to the Southern States. Member American Historical Society.

POU, EDWARD W., congressman. Graduate of the University of N. C. Admitted to the bar, 1885; presidential elector from N. C., 1888; elected solicitor of the 4th District of N. C., 1890, '94, '98; member of Congress, 1901-1913. Member of Philanthropic Society.

PRATT, JOSEPH H., mining engineer and minerologist. Graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, Ph. B., 1893; Ph. D., 1896. Lecturer in minerology, University of N. C., 1898-1901; state minerologist of N. C., 1897-1906; state geologist since 1906; field geologist of U. S. Geodetic and Coast Survey since 1899; professor of geology at University of N. C., since 1904; Chief of the Dept. of Mines and Metallurgy, Jamestown Exposition, 1907; was offered the presidency of Colorado School of Mines, 1903; member of Jury of Awards, St. Louis Exposition, 1904; special expert in charge of U. S. Testing Plant, St. Louis, Mo. Awarded diploma and gold medal at Pan-American Exposition; diplomas and gold medal at Charleston Exposition, 1901, for N. C. exhibit of gems and gem minerals. Fellow, Geological Society of America. Member American Chemical Society; National Geological Society; American Society of Mining Engineers; New York Academy of Sciences; President, American Peat Association; Sigma Xi. Contributor to foreign and domestic magazines.

QUINTARD, CHARLES TODD, Bishop of Tennessee. Graduate of Medical Dept. of University of City of New York. Practiced and taught medicine until 1851; prepared to enter the church and was admitted, 1855; served as chaplain in C. S. A. during the Civil War; returned to his duties as rector of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, Tenn., after the war; elected Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, 1865. Secured funds in England and America to re-establish the University of the South; he was first president (vice-chancellor) of the University and chairman of the board of trustees and executive committee, 1867-72; interested himself generally in educa-

tional advancement throughout the state. Degrees: D. D., Columbia, 1866; D. D., University of the South, 1878; LL. D., Cambridge, England, 1867. Died, 1898.

RANDOLPH, HARRISON, President of College of Charleston since 1897. Graduate of the University of Virginia, A. M., 1871; LL. D., Washington & Lee University, 1899; South Carolina College, 1905. Instructor in mathematics, University of Virginia, 1890-95; professor of mathematics, University of Arkansas, 1895-97. Residence, Charleston, S. C.

RAVENEL, MAZYCK P., bacteriologist. Graduate of the University of the South, 1883, and Medical College of South Carolina. Bacteriologist of State Live Stock Sanitary Board of Pa., 1896-1904; assistant medical director of Henry Phipps Institute for the Study, Treatment and Prevention of Tuberculosis and Chief of Laboratory, 1904-1907; Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin since 1907. Vice-President of National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis; College of Physicians, Philadelphia, Pa.; American Philosophical Society; American Public Health Association; American Medical Association; American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists; Wisconsin Medical Society; Alpha Mu Pi Omega; Sigma Xi; South Carolina Huguenot Society. Author of numerous papers on medical and bacteriological subjects, especially tuberculosis and rabies.

RICHARDSON, NOWAL, author. Graduate of Southwestern Presbyterian University. Secretary and treasurer of Lee, Richardson & Co. Author of "The Heart of Hope." Contributor of numerous stories to magazines. Residence, Vicksburg, Miss.

ROSS, ERSKINE M., jurist. Graduate of Virginia Military Institute, 1865. Admitted to California bar, 1869; justice of Supreme Court of Cal., 1879-86; appointed U. S. District Judge of the Southern District of Cal., 1886; U. S. Circuit Judge of the 9th District since 1895. Address, Los Angeles, Cal.

SANER, ROBT. E. LEE, lawyer. Educated at Vanderbilt University and University of Texas, LL. B., 1896. Admitted to

Texas bar, 1896; attorney for land endowment of University of Texas; secretary of State Democratic Executive Committee, 1899-1901; member American Bar Association; member Texas Bar Association; delegate to the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists, 1904; director of Commonwealth National Bank. Address, Dallas, Tex.

SAMFORD, WM. J., Governor of Alabama. Attended Auburn and the University of Georgia but did not graduate. Enlisted in the C. S. A., 1862, and served throughout the war; member of State Constitutional Convention of Alabama, 1875; Democratic presidential elector, 1872-1876; U. S. House of Representatives, 1879-81; Alabama State Senate, 1884-86, president, 1886; Governor of Alabama, 1900-1901. Member of Historical Society of Alabama; president of Board of Trustees of State University. Died, June 11, 1901.

SAVAGE, GEO. M., President Union University. Worked on a farm during the Civil War; graduate of Southwestern Baptist (now Union) University, A. B., 1871; A. M., 1874; LL. D., 1890. Since 1871 in the Baptist ministry; principal of Henderson Masonic Institute, 1871-77 and 1880-84; professor of English and French, Southwestern Baptist University, 1877-80; now president and professor of philosophy.

SCOTT, LE ROY, author. Graduate of Indiana University, 1897; attended Adrian College for first three years. In newspaper work, 1897-1900; assistant editor of *Woman's Home Companion*, 1900-01; assistant headworker, University Settlement, New York, 1902-03; in Russia as correspondent for magazines, 1906. Author of "The Walking Delegate" and "To Him That Hath."

SIMMONS, FRANK McL., U. S. Senator. Graduate of Trinity College, North Carolina, A. B., 1873; LL. D.; 1901. Admitted to N. C. bar, 1875; member of U. S. House of Representatives, 1887-89; U. S. Internal Revenue Collector, 1893-96; chairman of Democratic Executive Committee of N. C., 1892-1900; U. S. Senator, 1901-13. Residence, Raleigh, N. C.

SPRUELL, FRANK S., lawyer. Graduate of University of N. C., LL. B., 1883; first two years spent at Bingham's School. In practice of law at Louisburg, N. C., since 1884; member

N. C. Legislature, 1893; U. S. District Attorney, 1896; state director of N. C. R. R., 1893; presidential elector-at-large, 1904; delegate to National Democratic Convention, 1888; now member of State Democratic Executive Committee; Division Counsel of Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

THOMPSON, WADDY, author. Graduate of University of South Carolina, 1887. Journalist, 1887-95; since then in life insurance and publishing business. Member of Louisiana Historical Society; United Sons of Confederate Veterans. Author of "A History of the U. S." Residence, Atlanta, Ga.

VINCENT, JOHN H., bishop M. E. Church and Chancellor of Chautauqua System. S. T. D., Ohio Wesleyan University; LL. D., Washington and Jefferson; S. T. D., Harvard. Founder of Chautauqua Assembly; founder of Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and its Chancellor ever since; preacher to Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Wellesley, and other colleges; resident bishop in charge of European work of M. E. Church, 1900-04; retired from active episcopate, 1904. Author of seventeen books on historical and ecclesiastical subjects. Address, Indianapolis, Ind.

WIGGINS, BENJ. L., educator. Graduate of the University of the South, 1880; M. A., 1882; LL. D., Trinity College, 1899; LL. D., St. John's College, 1902; LL. D., S. C. College, 1905. Professor of Greek, University of the South, since 1882; vice-chancellor since 1893. Member of American Philosophical Society; American Historical Association; University Club, Nashville; E. Q. B. Club, Sewanee.

WREN, FRANK G., educator. Graduate of Tufts College, 1894; A. M., 1897. Began teaching mathematics at Tufts College, 1894; professor of mathematics in charge of department since 1904; Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Faculty of College of Letters since 1907. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Address, Tufts College, Mass.

WILLIAMS, ALPHEUS F., mining engineer. B. S., University of California, 1898. Engineer, 1899-1900; assistant general manager, 1900-06; general manager since 1906 of De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., Kimberley, South Africa; American consular agent, 1906.

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schools of technology. Of this its rapid growth in attendance from all parts of the country, and the remarkable interest in its work shown by practical business men are the most conclusive proofs. Its graduates are sought for in every department of industrial activity and maintain themselves with credit. It is not too much to say that thousands of young men have at Purdue an opportunity for training which has opened up careers of profit to themselves and of highest usefulness to the community.

Dr. Winthrop Ellsworth Stone, Ph. D., LL. D., is President of the University, having been elected July 6th, 1900, and has served with conspicuous success since that time, and it is to him largely that the University owes its present high standing and place second to none among technical schools. President Stone was born in Chesterfield, N. H., in 1862, and in 1878, he entered Massachusetts Agriculture College at Amherst, and was graduated from that institution with a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1882. He was called to Purdue in 1889 to take charge of the Department of Chemistry; in 1892 he was made Vice-President of the institution, and from this position he was elevated to that of President. Illustrious among other educators of the institution are William Kendrick Hatt, C. E., Ph. D., New York Beta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, now head of the Department of Civil Engineering; William Frederick Myrick Goss, M. S., until recently Dean of the Department of Engineering and now holding a similar position at the University of Illinois, and a member of Illinois Gamma Zeta, and William David Pence, C. E., at one time Professor of Civil Engineering and now at the University of Wisconsin and a member of Wisconsin Gamma Tau.

From a modest enrollment of fifteen in 1875, Purdue has advanced until in 1908 there were two thousand and eighty-nine and now only surpassed by Cornell in the number of engineering students enrolled. The increase in enrollment has been accompanied by a like increase in facilities and equipment, making Purdue second to none. The entrance requirements are being continually raised and the character of work required is such that only the fittest survive, thus making the character of graduates in accord with the high standard which the University maintains, and making them well worthy of the degrees which the University has seen fit to confer upon them.



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MECHANICAL BUILDING.

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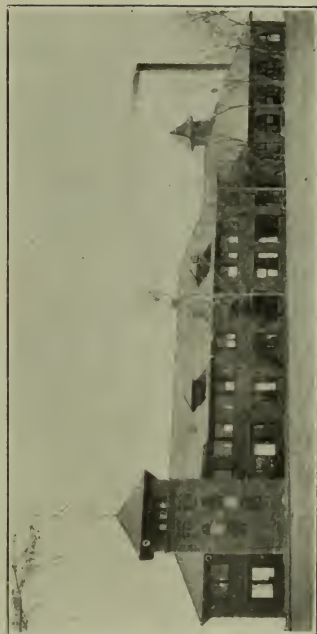
Athletically, Purdue University has a high place, and is a member of the Big Eight Conference which governs and controls the athletic status of the Middle West and includes in its membership the eight largest colleges of this section of the country, including in its enrollment, Chicago, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Purdue, Indiana, Northwestern and Iowa. In the baseball season of 1908, Purdue shared honors with Illinois for first place and in basketball, Purdue was second only to Chicago, which has been generally admitted as the world's champions. The coach of the basketball team was E. J. Stewart, of Ohio Gamma Kappa, and with the success of the team he won a high place in the affection of the Purdue student body.

There are thirteen national fraternities at Purdue as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Theta Xi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega, and a chapter of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering fraternity.

Indiana Gamma Omicron Chapter at Purdue University was founded November 25th, 1904, by William Kenderick Hatt and Will C. Martin. The chapter roll now numbers sixty-two. Alpha Tau Omega entered Purdue University under auspicious circumstances through the medium of the Debonair Club, whose members were well worthy of the high honor which Alpha Tau Omega saw fit to confer upon them, and whose strong mentalities, traits of leadership and good judgment soon placed the fraternity on a strong basis and placed the high standard which the succeeding members of the chapter have endeavored to emulate. From the beginning it has been the purpose of the brothers to co-operate with the faculty in maintaining its scholastic requirements; to advance the school by earnest individual efforts; by participating in scholastic events so far as was practical, and in every sense to be truly a Purdue man, as well as a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. In increasing our membership we have at all times considered the welfare of the fraternity as a whole, and believe that if our sixty-two members, alumni and active, were brought face to face with the general court of the fraternity, our Grand Officers would say, "Well Done." We say



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this not as a spirit of conceit, but in the belief that we have faithfully performed the obligations placed upon us in the founding of this chapter, and that in so doing we occupy a place at Purdue which is an enviable one. We have at all times attempted to analyze the inner man and avoid the misconception of a polished exterior. The criticism of the outside world in this regard as applied to fraternities in general, has reached a point where the facts are concluded to be self-evident, and the time has come when fraternities, if they are to preserve the dignity and status now occupied by them in the college world, must take notice, and avoid such misconceptions. The chapter finances are regulated through the office of the W. K. E., and a successive line of efficient treasurers has placed the material side of the chapter's existence on a firm basis and the books of our organization will bear deliberate and searching scrutiny at all times. The Chapter House Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana with F. E. Morrow, of Chicago, as President, and W. L. Bridges, of Indianapolis, as Treasurer, and has for its object the collection of funds for the purchase of a permanent home for the active chapter. Through the medium of the Chapter House Association we have purchased property valued at five thousand dollars, and the chapter is taking steps to build a new home which is to be occupied the coming school year. This step was rather forced upon us, due to the fire which destroyed the old chapter house last year. While the new house will not be so pretentious as we had hoped to make it, it will not be surpassed by anything at Purdue at the present time. The alumni of Gamma Omicron, though young in their profession, have in general been remarkably successful and have at all times rendered their hearty co-operation in the upbuilding of our chapter.



PROF WILLIAM KENDRICK HATT.
(N. Y. BETA THETA.)

"Alpha Taus of Achievement."

ALPHA TAUS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

VIII—WILLIAM KENDRICK HATT (N. Y. Beta Theta).

For several years the only member of Alpha Tau Omega in the faculty of Purdue University has been William Kendrick Hatt. Purdue is recognized as one of the foremost of the technical schools of this country, and much of its prestige is due to the prominence of its educators in the technical world. In recent years wonderful progress has been made in the investigation of the strengths of materials and a great amount of valuable information has been given to the scientific world by Prof. Hatt. With the exception of the late Dean Johnson, of Wisconsin, he has made more tests on timber than any other man. But no one has excelled him in the reliability of his data on concrete. He is extensively quoted in text-books on re-enforced concrete and it is in this department that he has devoted the greater part of his investigations in the last few years.

He was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Can., on the tenth of October, 1868. His collegiate education began at the University of New Brunswick, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1887. After a year's experience with the Intercolonial Railway, of Canada, he decided to continue his education and entered Cornell University in the fall of 1888. It was at this time that he became a member of the Beta Theta Chapter and was elected to Sigma Xi for excellence in scholarship. In 1891, he was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineering, and returned to the University of New Brunswick to become Professor of Civil Engineering. The following summer was spent in touring Europe, after which he taught for a year at Cornell. In 1893 he was called to Purdue University and was successively appointed Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, Associate Professor of Applied Mechanics, Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of the Laboratory for Testing Materials, which latter position he has held for three years.

In 1901, the University of New Brunswick bestowed on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. During the school year 1902-1903, he was absent from the university, on leave, engaged in investigations at the Road Material Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. At the completion of his work in the laboratory he was transferred to the Forest Service for the purpose of organizing the work in timber tests, which he directed until 1906, when he was appointed consulting engineer of the Forest Service. In 1903 he was awarded the Fuertis Gold Medal at Cornell University. Prof. Hatt was recently appointed a member of the advisory board of fuels and structural materials by President Roosevelt. The United States government, through the geological survey and forest service, is engaged in investigating the properties and best methods of use of the building materials and fuels of the country; in increasing the safety in mining operations through better methods of lumbering; the prevention of mine explosions, etc. These investigations are so intimately connected with the industries and welfare of the nation that the work has been given the advantage of the best advice and co-operation that it is possible to secure.

Prof. Hatt's experience in civil engineering has been wide and varied. He has contributed upward of ninety scientific papers principally along the line of structural materials, to the various scientific societies. His papers are models of their kind, well arranged, original and valuable contributions to the world's knowledge.

His membership in the various societies includes the following: International Association for Testing Materials; American Society for Testing Materials; American Society of Civil Engineers; American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association; Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; Western Society of Engineers; Fellow, Indiana Academy of Science; President, Indiana Engineering Society.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.



JUDGE ROLAND W. BAGGOTT.
(OHIO BETA OMEGA.)

"Alpha Tau of Achievement,"

IX—ROBERT W. BAGGOTT (Ohio Beta Omega).

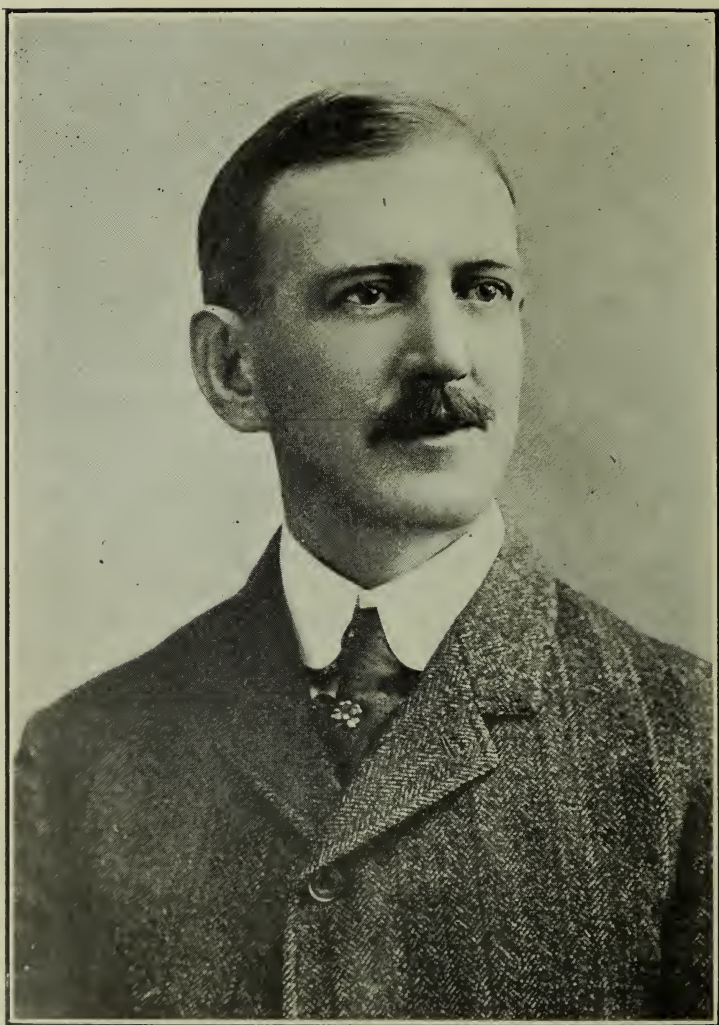
WHEN Parker and Roosevelt contested for Presidential honors, Montgomery County, Ohio, gave Roosevelt a majority of 8,211, which is going some, even in Ohio. But Brother Carmi Thompson, also an Alpha Tau, and also a Republican, carried said county for Secretary of State by 5,000. So, it's a pretty safe wager that Montgomery County is rather partial to Republicanism.

Robert W. Baggott (Ohio Beta Omega) is a Democrat. Also, he lives in Montgomery County, Ohio. Moreover, he is the Judge of the Probate Court in and for the said county. In addition thereto, he carried said county by 700 majority. Wherefore we opine that he is entitled to a seat in the famous galaxy of Alpha Taus who have achieved.

Brother Baggott was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 16, 1875. He is, therefore, thirty-four years of age and, *ergo*, the youngest probate judge in America.

The rest is easy to tell. Brother Baggott left Kentucky at an early age, moved to Ohio and was reared by an uncle and aunt. He attended the public schools in Dayton, where he now resides, attended the Law College of the Ohio State University and was admitted to the bar in June, 1900, since which he has practiced law. Becoming tired of this, he decided to become Judge and landed the job. He has no particularly pressing desire to return to the practice of the law.

Brother Baggott attended the Pittsburgh Congress, made a brilliant speech on the Theta Nu Epsilon proposition, told negro stories in the original, and proved himself a good fellow, an able lawyer and an upright citizen. The PALM is for Judge Baggott for anything at any time.



DR. LARKIN WHITE GLAZEBROOK.
(Former Worthy Grand Chief.)

WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS.

LARKIN WHITE GLAZEBROOK.

LARKIN WHITE GLAZEBROOK, the oldest son of Otis Allan Glazebrook and Virginia Calvert Key Smith, was born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 28th, 1867, at the homestead where his father was born and where the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was founded. On his paternal side he is descended from an old English family, one of whose members came to this country in 1790 and settled in Hanover County, Virginia. On his maternal side he is a grandson of Gen. Francis H. Smith, who was the founder and for 50 years the Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, where the first chapter of our fraternity was placed.

In 1880, while his father was living in Macon, Ga., by an especial act, he was initiated as a charter member of Georgia Alpha Zeta, though only fourteen years of age. However, he was well acquainted with the "old Guard" of the fraternity, who frequented his father's home, and a few days after his initiation he attended the Eighth Biennial Congress, which was meeting in Macon, where he met those grand men, Jos. R. Anderson, Thos. G. Hayes, Sylvanus Stokes, Du Bose, Puckette and Lamar. The following summer he entered the Sewanee Grammar School, where it was his privilege to come in contact with the splendid young men who composed the Omega chapter at the University, as an affiliated member. About a year after entering this school, his father was injured in a railroad wreck, and the young man returned to the old homestead in Richmond. The following two years were spent in the Norwood School in Richmond, and during this time he attended the Ninth Biennial Congress, which met in Richmond in December, 1882. His father having been elected chaplain of the University of Virginia, the 16-year-old boy entered that noted institution, founded by Thomas Jefferson, where, for two years, he was a member of the Virginia Delta chapter, which has given the fraternity so many noble men. In 1886 he matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia), New York City. It was while he was attending this school that

he went to Ithaca, N. Y., and established the chapter at Cornell University, in whose progress he has been enthusiastically interested.

He received his degree in 1890, and was selected as a member of the house staff of St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa. With the aid of two brothers who were attending Lehigh University, he re-established the chapter at that institution, and fostered it during his two years stay at St. Luke's. Having completed his hospital training in May, 1892, he moved to Washington, D. C., to begin his life's work. Here he met such men as Edward I. Renick, Walter E. Faison, Edward Gadsden and Wm. H. Turk, who at once did all they could to help the young man, just beginning. Cruel death has deprived him and us of the friendship of these noble men.

As Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Fourteenth Biennial Congress, which met in Washington in Dec., 1894, young Dr. Glazebrook was brought prominently before the general fraternity and was there unanimously elected Worthy Grand Chief. He started upon his labors with a vim and inaugurated many valuable reforms, besides putting the records of the chapters upon a sounder basis. His first work was a thorough inspection of every chapter, which resulted in seven charters being withdrawn. The second great work was the inauguration of the provincial system. Realizing that it was impossible for one man to watch over so many chapters, he called upon certain alumni in different sections of the country to co-operate with him in the conduct of his office. In his Congress address at the Sixteenth Biennial Congress (New Orleans), he recommended a provincial system with a chief for each province. As a result of this he was given full power to inaugurate the system he proposed, which has worked wonderfully well in aiding the W. G. C. to keep in touch with the chapters. At the Seventeenth Congress, it was unanimously voted to retain the system as its benefit in conducting the executive branch of the fraternity was so apparent.

Aside from his executive duties, he compiled and published three fraternity directories, which has brought him everlasting credit. He realized that the fraternity was in great need of such a Register and shortly after his election as W. G. C., he entered upon the work. There was nothing to work upon but a small

pamphlet compiled by Bro. Jos. R. Anderson, eighteen years before. An entire summer was given to this effort and at the Fifteenth Congress (Cleveland), he was presented with a handsome fraternity badge in appreciation of his work. He was here elected W. G. C. for the second time. Three months later the first Register was published. It was a neatly bound volume with chapter rolls arranged according to the date of their founding; and with a geographical and alphabetical list. At the Sixteenth Congress he was again elected W. G. C., and when he retired from the office after six years of faithful service he had put the fraternity upon a sound business basis. When he resigned his office at the Seventeenth Congress (Boston), he was persuaded to accept the office of Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, which office he has held ever since. When Congress met in Chicago in 1902, he reported that he was ready to publish a new official Register. This met with a hearty reception and in 1903 a second edition was printed. The general arrangement of the book was the same as the 1896 edition with additional chapters on the history of the fraternity. Since first he undertook this work he has aimed to make the chapter records more complete, thus helping the general fraternity in locating its alumni members. The annals of the fraternity are now in such excellent condition that three months after the Birmingham Congress (1906) authorized a new Register, the book was ready for sale. The 1907 edition was a pocket size, with leather covers. The appreciation of the fraternity was shown by the large sale of this valuable booklet, and many gratifying letters were received by the author from members of other fraternities upon the advent of such a useful publication.

In addition to his labors for the fraternity, Bro. Glazebrook has been busily engaged in the practice of medicine in Washington, where he has lived for the last sixteen years. An early association with the noblest of our order had aroused in him a love and devotion for Alpha Tau Omega that has never wavered. Though beset at times by difficulties he has gladly given many hours of his time to work for his beloved fraternity.

In 1895 he married Miss Jane Thelkeld Cox, of Washington, D. C. He is proud of the fact that he has two sons, who will some day, he hopes, be worthy wearers of the Maltese Cross, which he loves so dearly.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

THIRD CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE II.

THE third annual Conclave of Province II was held at the chapter house of Illinois Gamma Zeta, University of Illinois, Champaign, on May 7 and 8. Representatives were present from each chapter in the province except Michigan Beta Kappa, Hillsdale; in practically all cases the delegate was accompanied by several other members of the chapter. A large amount of business was transacted, and the social features of the occasion were well planned and much enjoyed. The most important actions taken at the meeting were a reiteration of the desire of Province II that the best efforts of the fraternity be used to bring about internal strengthening and improvement, rather than to pursue a policy of expansion; and the adoption of a definite and firm policy in handling delinquents.

Delegates arrived on Friday morning and early afternoon. A business session was held Friday afternoon, followed by a smoker at the chapter house in the evening. Two business sessions were held on Saturday, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. A great banquet at the Beardsley Hotel on Saturday evening closed the largest and one of the most successful of the conclaves of Province II.

At the opening session on Friday afternoon the following delegates were seated: Michigan Beta Lambda, C. O. Johnson; Illinois Gamma Zeta, C. S. Butler; Indiana Gamma Omicron, B. U. Stephens; Michigan Beta Omicron, F. W. Moore; Illinois Gamma Xi, Allen Sayles; Michigan Alpha Mu, F. W. Gray; Indiana Gamma Gamma, C. L. Douthett; Wisconsin Gamma Tau, Julius O. Roehl; Chicago Alumni Association, P. R. Keller.

C. S. Butler, Illinois Gamma Zeta, was made secretary.

Province Chief Clarence E. Wilcox, in presenting his annual report, expressed his appreciation of the honor and responsibility of serving as chief, and emphasized the purpose, thus far well accomplished, of the conclave as a means of bringing together

the best ideas and experiences of all the chapters. In his report he called attention to the thorough organization and the activity of the Province, brought about by his predecessors, W. E. King and C. R. Dick. He reported a club at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, that is planning to petition for a charter, reviewed the subjects that the conclave should consider, and took up for special discussion the topic of the treatment of alumni financially delinquent. On this matter he urged uniform action on the part of all chapters in the Province; and as this report will show, his suggestions were put into effect.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

The reports of the delegates showed that all chapters in the Province are now in good or satisfactory condition, although two have had a hard struggle to maintain their active existence. In one chapter but two men returned last fall; in another but five. The present standing as to numbers is:

Indiana Gamma Gamma, 19 and one pledge; Michigan Beta Lambda, 22 and three pledges; Illinois Gamma Zeta, 25; Michigan Alpha Mu, 10 and four pledges; Michigan Beta Omicron, 10 and one pledge; Indiana Gamma Omicron, 14; Wisconsin Gamma Tau, 24; Illinois Gamma Xi, 14 and four pledges.

The reports were good as to scholastic standing. Wisconsin stands first among fraternities in its institution, and Illinois Gamma Xi third at Chicago. Financially the chapters are all in good condition. The only source of weakness in this respect is that of unpaid bills left by members who failed to return to college last fall. The burden thrown on the faithful by this method has helped to bring about concerted action against the delinquents.

All the chapters except Michigan Alpha Mu, Beta Omicron and Illinois Gamma Xi have started chapter house funds; all occupy houses; and houses are owned by Illinois Gamma Zeta and Indiana Gamma Omicron. The last named is now at work on plans for a new house to be built the coming summer at a cost, complete, of \$15,000.

In connection with the reports of the delegates of the active chapters, the Chicago Alumni Association reported a membership of one hundred. Monthly dinners and business sessions are held, at which the attendance is about twenty.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Reports were received from committees on Applicant Clubs; on Fines and Penalties; on Place of Meeting; on Delinquent Alumni; and on Resolutions. Of these the most significant are those of the Committee on Delinquent Alumni and the Committee on Resolutions, expressing opposition to further expansion at present.

The Committee on Applicant Clubs reported Eclectic Club, of Northwestern, preparing to petition for a charter, and reaffirmed the position taken by the second Conclave in the following resolutions:

"That any organization petitioning A. T. O. should not be considered until it shall have been organized through two scholastic years, and that its financial standing shall have been proved to be good.

"Further, that its members shall have lived in a house together for one year, and shall be in a house in the year in which they petition for a charter.

"Further, that its members be distributed equally among the different classes in the institution of learning where the club is located.

"Further, that A. T. O. enter only schools where the prospect of growth is assured, and where the material for fraternity men is not limited.

"Further, that we favor entering institutions of learning in Canada for establishing chapters of A. T. O.

"Further, that at present Northwestern University seems an unfavorable field for establishing a chapter."

The Committee on Delinquent Alumni reported an emergency system, to be uniform throughout the Province, to enforce payment of debts due the chapters by alumni. The report was adopted, and includes the following provisions for a series of actions at reasonable intervals:

1. Letter to delinquent that his case is under consideration for suspension.
2. Letter to parent or guardian, if alumnus is a minor.
3. Letter giving notice to appear for trial.
4. Disciplinary action; suspension or expulsion.

The committee was ordered to prepare the forms for the letters and to supply all chapters with them.

The Resolutions Committee offered resolutions extending greetings to the new grand officers and assuring the officers of the Province's hearty co-operation in their labors for the fraternity; extending thanks to Carl R. Dick, recently resigned as Province Chief, for his efficient and loyal services; expressing hearty approval of the appointment of Clarence E. Wilcox as Province Chief, and extending to him fraternal greetings and welcome; and thanking Illinois Gamma Zeta for "excellent and enjoyable entertainment."

This committee expressed the attitude of the Province toward expansion in the following resolutions:

"Whereas, Province II wishes to clearly define its position on the question of general fraternity policy, be it

"Resolved, that Province II, by this Conclave, declare itself as opposed to further the expansion of the fraternity, and in favor of interval strengthening of the respective chapters and be it further

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the grand officers of the fraternity."

On recommendation of the Committee of Place of Meeting it was decided to hold the fourth Conclave in Chicago.

In the recess between the business meetings of Saturday the members were addressed by representatives of the Eclectic Club, of Northwestern University.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet, the closing feature of the Conclave, was served at the Hotel Beardsley, where sixty members assembled for a feast of food, smoke and speech that occupied them from half past eight until after midnight. Dr. W. F. M. Goss, Dean of the College of Engineering in the University of Illinois, one of the youngest members of Illinois Gamma Zeta, acted as toastmaster. The regular list of toasts, and those who spoke to them was: "Alpha Tau at Adrian," F. W. Gray, Alpha Mu; "Alpha Tau at Michigan," I. S. Coe, Beta Lambda; "Alpha Tau at Albion," Floyd W. Moore, Beta Omicron; "Alpha Tau at Rose," C. Mengel Struck,



BANQUET, THIRD CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE II

Gamma Gamma; "Alpha Tau at Chicago," Allen Sayles, Gamma Xi; "Alpha Tau at Purdue," B. U. Stephens, Gamma Omicron; "Alpha Tau at Wisconsin," Julius O. Roehl, Gamma Tau; "Alumni in Chicago," O. C. Wehrstedt; "The Future for Province II," Clarence E. Wilcox, Alpha Mu.

In addition to this symphony of loyalty and optimism, contributions of good cheer and fraternity spirit were made by W. L. Rooney, P. R. Keller, C. R. Dick, J. H. Vosskuehler and Dean T. A. Clark, member of the High Council. Letters of good wishes and regret were read from the grand officers and all members of the High Council who were not present.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

Those in attendance at some or all of the sessions, besides the active chapter, included: Clarence E. Wilcox, Lloyd W. Gray, Robert S. Ritchie, Michigan Alpha Mu; I. S. Coe, Clayton O. Johnson, W. E. Fermann, Beta Lambda; F. W. Moore, Beta Omicron; P. R. Keller, Maine Beta Upsilon; J. H. Vosskuehler, H. L. Hope, Carlos L. McMaster, Ohio Beta Omega; O. A. Ohmann, C. L. Douthett, P. A. Philippi, Carl G. Planck, W. H. Webster, C. Mengel Struck, Indiana Gamma Gamma; O. C. Wehrstedt, W. L. Wilson, George M. Clendenin, William T. Wehrstedt, Carl R. Dick, Earl C. Brown, W. F. M. Goss, T. A. Clark, F. W. Scott, H. L. Rietz, N. A. Weston, C. E. Johnson, A. E. Campbell, L. B. King, Illinois Gamma Zeta, besides the active chapter; Allen Sayles, Jack Murphy, Walter A. Rooney, Illinois Gamma Xi; B. U. Stephens, Indiana Gamma Omicron; Julius O. Roehl, L. P. Larson, Wisconsin Gamma Tau.



In Memoriam.

JAMES EDWARD CHURCH, ✓

(N. Y. Alpha Omicron.)

Born, 1862; Initiated, 1882;

Died, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

WILLIAM H. S. MILLER,

(Pa. Alpha Iota.)

Born, 1867; Initiated, 1892.

Requiescat in pace.

JAMES EDWARD CHURCH.

James Edward Church, of Cleveland, Ohio, died February 12th, 1909, of pneumonia.

He was born in Cleveland in the year 1862, and spent most of his active business life at that place. He was graduated from St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., in 1883, receiving the degree, B. S.

Following graduation he went west and helped in the development of Kansas and Colorado. He was wont to tell, about his exciting experiences as a newspaper man and politician in the west, with grim humor. He held various county offices and after eleven years of this life, returned to Ohio, where he engaged in the title abstract business, establishing companies at Akron, Youngstown and finally in 1903, settled down in Cleveland as the manager of the Land Title and Abstract Company.

Under his personal direction a very complete working catalogue of Cleveland titles was made, and the company is one of the leading companies of its kind in Ohio. Mr. Church was an authority on abstracts

and real estate, and his sound judgment was respected by all friends and business acquaintances.

He was scrupulously honest, possessed the highest business ideals, was outspoken in his condemnation of anything savoring of trickery and dishonesty, and his word was reliable.

In 1892, Mr. Church was married to Miss Nina Scott, and there were born to them two children, Mary and Scott, aged respectively, ten and twelve years. In 1904 his wife died and later he was married to Gertrude Lee, of New York, who survives him. Mr. Church's mother, Mrs. Betsey Stone, is still living in Cleveland.

Mr. Church was the newly elected president of the Cleveland Alumni Association, but died before he had an opportunity to serve.

In his death, the fraternity has lost a loyal and honored brother, Cleveland an upright citizen, and his family a devoted husband and father.

O. W. CARPENTER.

President Jordan has sent a circular letter to all the Greek letter fraternities on the Stanford campus stating that during the last seven years the fraternities have had, as a whole, a depressing influence on the scholarship of the college, and suggesting for discussion various reform measures to remedy this deficiency. President Jordan says he has great faith in the fraternity system, and he thinks it can be made an agency for good. He hopes the reform will come from within, but he intimates that if the reform does not come from within there will be some university regulation of fraternities.

The rule which President Jordan especially proposes for the consideration of the men living in chapter houses provides that if the record in scholarship of any fraternity falls below the general average of the undergraduate body, that fraternity shall not be allowed for the following year to receive in its chapter house any new members who have not completed a semester in college without condition.

The letter states that the movement to improve the scholarship of fraternities is going on all along the line in other institutions, and that if the fraternities are to pull consistently downward, the fraternity system must be considered a failure. The president then outlines the various reforms which the other universities are trying and asks that the Stanford Greek letter men consider these reforms as well as the one advanced by himself.

President Jordan's letter was sent to all fraternities at Stanford, but not to the sororities. The fraternity men regard the epistle as a warning, and it has aroused much discussion among the men concerned. At the same time, in view of President Jordan's statement that during the past semester the fraternities have consistently improved in scholarship, it is not thought that the authorities intend immediate action, but rather discussion and improvement from within.—*San Francisco Chronicle, February 10.*



The Alumni.

PERSONAL NOTES.

XI, TRINITY.

William M. Hanes and Nora C. Swank were married at Johnstown Pa., on March 30.

ALPHA ZETA, MERCER.

L. M. Awtrey and Varah Hill were married April 12th. They will reside at Acworth, Ga.

ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG.

Dr. Frederick A. Fetherolf, '99, was married to Mary Sieger on April 28.

Rev. Allen L. Benner, '01, was married to Edna Erdman on April 27.

Rev. Fred Cooper, of Lima, Ohio, recently paid a visit to his parents and friends in Allentown.

ALPHA NU, MT. UNION.

Lieut. E. E. Scranton, of the U. S. S. Georgia, is visiting relatives in Alliance.

G. H. Mouck has accepted a position with the L. E. A. & W. Railroad, and is situated in Alliance.

Alpha Nu mourns the loss of Lewis C. Moore, who died at his home in Salineville, O., on March 15th, 1909.

Harry Rhodes, a senior at Oberlin College, was forced to leave school on account of sickness.

W. B. Wallace is employed with the Alliance Steel Company.

ALPHA PI, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Province Chief Elder W. Marshall and Bessie Irvine were married at Birmingham, Ala., on April 28.

ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE.

W. G. Kimball, '08, has returned from McKittrick, Cal., for a short vacation. He has secured a position with the Stewart, Kerbaugh & Shanley Construction Company, of New York, N. Y.

J. B. Laidlaw, '01, has accepted the principalship of Gouverneur High School for another year at an increase in salary.

The engagement of Ruth Kimball to M. H. Jencks, '05, has been announced.

Byron Stevenson, '04, is permanently located in Canton, N. Y., and is manager of the *Commercial Advertiser*.

The engagement of Miss Waterman, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and William Coats, '04, of that city, has been announced.

ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG.

Thos. A. Faust, '07, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Eberhart, of Philadelphia, were married in Philadelphia recently.

H. M. Blume, ex-'11, and Miss McLure, of McKeesport, were married on April 14. They will reside in Los Angeles, Cal.

G. W. Karman, '07, has entered business with his father in Hummelstown, Pa.

J. F. Swartz, '08, was defeated in the last round of the Intercollegiate Wrestling Contest for the heavyweight title.

G. M. Stock, '08, is playing lacrosse on the Johns Hopkins team.

ALPHA OMEGA, FLORIDA.

J. A. Forsythe and Alice Thomas were married during March. They will reside in Brevard, N. C.

MASS. BETA GAMMA, MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Alec N. Penny, '08, is employed at the Pennsylvania Steel Company, Lebanon, Pa.

BETA THETA, CORNELL.

The engagement of B. F. Lies to Miss Argue, of Lima, Ohio, has been announced, the wedding to take place next fall.

J. D. Wilcox, '07, is running a transit for the French Land and Irrigation Co., at French, New Mexico.

E. E. Seelye, '08, is at Palmerton, Carbon Co., Pa.

A. S. Brainard, '05, is Engineer for the Connecticut Highway Commission, with offices at Hartford.

A. E. Drake, '07, is Junior Engineer for the International Waterways Commission, at Buffalo, N. Y.

J. E. Gerard is inspecting lumber at Patchogue, N. Y.

Wm. G. Atwood has been appointed Chief Engineer of the L. E. & W. R. R., with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind.

R. L. Coe, '08, is learning the brass business at Waterbury, Conn.

H. W. Kramer is with the Kinsey Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio.

H. L. Trube, '08, is working at Bridgeport, Conn.

BETA OMICRON, ALBION.

At the organization meeting of the New York alumni of Albion College, Homer Folks was elected president and Frank A. Fall, secretary.

BETA UPSILON, MAINE.

Fred P. Hosmer, '07, was recently married to Mary Virginia Dale, of Pittsburgh.

We have recently been informed of the marriage of Thomas D. Austin, ex-'09.

Elliot Paul, ex-'12, has accepted a municipal government position in Kentucky.

Paul L. Bean, '04, is an instructor in Civil Engineering at the University of Maine.

GAMMA BETA, TUFTS.

Rev. Pliny S. Allen, '02, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Medford Hillside Universalist Church.

W. F. Ringer, '08, has accepted a position to teach in Chicago next fall.

Cedric Powers, '08, is connected with the Stanley Rule Company, of New Britain, Conn.

S. W. Moore, '08, is engaged in Government work in the Philippines.

Born, to George S. Lowe, '04, a son, John Harmon Lowe. Gamma Beta sends its congratulations.

H. C. Mason, '08, is taking post-graduate work at Harvard.

Robert B. Jeffers, '07, is taking post-graduate work at Tech.

GAMMA ZETA, ILLINOIS.

Harvey Wood was married during April.

GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE.

The engagement of Lydia Grossenbach to Howard A. Mullett, '04, has been announced.

Claude L. Douthett will again be seen on the pitching staff of the Terre Haute (Central League) team.

The marriage of Berrien M. Lindsley, '08, and Bessie Stromberg took place at San Antonio, Texas, the first part of April. Lindsley and wife are at home at 294 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas.

GAMMA THETA, NEBRASKA.

Fred Laird, Gamma Theta, '05, is practicing law at Fremont, Neb. He was recently elected Police Judge, being the only Democrat elected.

E. A. Coufal is practicing law at David City, Neb. He has been troubled with rheumatism for the past year.

Vard Smith is practicing law in Livingston, Mon.

O. V. Hough, '08, is a partner in the firm of Thorpe & Hough, Engineers, at Iola, Kan.

B. M. Burbank is selling automobiles in Omaha.

GAMMA LAMBDA, COLORADO.

George Melvin is now at Camden, Miss.

Arthur Wilson returned recently from a trip to the Panama Canal and Florida.

Roy Anderson is on a surveying party of the Denver Union Water Company.

Charles Lowell is traveling in California.

GAMMA MU, KANSAS.

Cletus B. Hosford is president and Charles F. Brook, secretary and treasurer, of the Hosford Investment Company, of Lawrence, Kan.

George J. Trombold lives in Chamite, Kan., where he is Chief Chemist of the Chamite Portland Cement Company.

David McFarland, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Kansas, has a year's leave of absence, and is studying at Yale University, where he expects to receive his doctorate in June.

Leslie A. Gould was elected Clerk of the District Court at Eureka, Kan.

Harry Bedell and Clark Jacoby have formed a partnership in the engineering firm of Bedell & Jacoby, Kansas City, Mo.

Ray Taylor has moved to Altoona, Kan., where he is Chief Chemist of the Altoona Portland Cement Company; J. Wharton Bartholow being associated with him.

Herman Langworthy has opened a law office in the Scarritt Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Alpha Brumage is now Director of Athletics in William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Oscar Zimmerman was married March 17 to Mary Hayden, of Holton, Kan., a member of the Kansas chapter of Pi Beta Phi. They are living in Leavenworth, Kan., where Zimmerman is an Engineer with the Missouri Valley Bridge Company.

Frank G. Bedell is Fuel Inspector for Swift & Co., with headquarters at Chicago, Ill.

A. F. McCarty has moved to Garden City, Kan., where he is engaged in real estate and insurance.

Clay Hamilton has resigned as Manager of the Bell Telephone Company, Topeka, Kan., and has resumed the practice of law there.

John Tufts is United States Examiner of Surveys for South Dakato and Nebraska, with headquarters at Neligh, Neb. Howard Farnsworth has just passed the examination for Examiner of Surveys and will join Tufts in May.

Fred Nichols and Ned Bailey are both with the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York.

Among the Gamma Mu attorneys-at-law are Irving Benest, who is practicing at Severy, Kan.; J. E. Crawford, at Eskridge, Kan.; Hal Lebrecht, at Kansas City, Mo., and J. Fred Brett, at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

George W. M. Nutting is a member of the Wheatland Investment Company, of Dalhart, Texas.

Ernest H. Burkman continues in the employ of the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, of Leavenworth, Kan. He has just returned from a two years' residence in Mexico, where he has been superintending the construction of a number of bridges.

Herbert S. Bailey has accepted a position as Chemist in the Technical Food Laboratory, Department of the Interior, in Washington, D. C. Wm. H. Bailey is interne in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harold Burdick graduated from Annapolis last June, and has just completed the trip around the world with the United States Navy.

Charles S. Hall has moved to Auburn, Wash., where he is cashier of the Auburn State Bank. He is the father of a buxom youngster three months old.

Wm. B. Senseman is Night Electrician for the Dewey Portland Cement Company, at Dewey, Oklahoma.

GAMMA SIGMA, WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Sidney W. Farnsworth is at the Underwriters' Laboratories at Chicago, Ill.

Bernard B. Andrews has been transferred to the Philadelphia office of the Buffalo Forge Co.

William H. Baker is an Assistant Engineer in the Department of Parks, Cleveland, Ohio.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS.

CHICAGO.

Although the Chicago Association is not able to report any great accomplishments since our last letter, we are still in existence and manage to enjoy ourselves together once a month. If you want to tell a loyal Alpha Tau in Chicago, just look at his calendar and see if the second Saturday of each month is marked "Alumni Dinner" which, literally translated, means a pleasant evening.

In January we had the pleasure of accepting an invitation from the boys at the Chicago University to witness the initiation. After the initiation a very elaborate dinner was served and we had some interesting talks from both the old and new brothers.

At our regular March meeting the following officers were elected: O. C. Wehrstedt, President; F. R. Bott, Vice-President, and H. L. Hope, Secretary and Treasurer. If there are any brothers living in the vicinity of Chicago who do not receive notices of our regular meetings, arrangements can be made by communicating with the secretary at 399 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

H. L. HOPE.

CLEVELAND.

Through an oversight on the part of the secretary, this association was not heard from in the March PALM. At the annual banquet held on December 14th, our attendance of fifty-one included Hickok and Swartz, both most welcomed guests. Cully acted as toastmaster. The election of Congressional delegates resulted in Ruhl for delegate and Ambler for alternate. The officers elected for the ensuing year were President, Church (deceased); Vice-President, Ambler; Secretary, Pugh, and Treasurer, Pritchard.

H. L. PUGH.

INDIANA.

The local alumni association which has been inactive for some time was reorganized at a meeting held in Indianapolis on February 10th. The following were elected to hold office for a period of one year: E. H. Kothe, President; D. R. Lindley, Vice-President; R. E. Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer.

Plans for the year were taken up and discussed, and a number of committees appointed. It was agreed upon to meet the first Saturday evening of each month at dinner, with some form of entertainment provided for afterward.

At the present time the membership of the association numbers sixteen men and the meetings have been very well attended.

D. R. LINDLEY.

LOUISVILLE.

The Louisville Alumni Association of A. T. O., while composed of a number of very loyal alumni, has, up to this time, held very few formal meetings. The members come together quite informally at irregular intervals, unless called together for some specific purpose. All of us have been interested in securing an active chapter in Kentucky, and are delighted that at last the fraternity has granted a charter to the University of Kentucky, and we believe this chapter is composed of splendid material and will reflect credit on itself and on the fraternity. In addition, we are certain that the additions to our Alumni Association, which will come naturally from this body of enthusiastic young members, will result in a more active and vigorous existence for the Louisville Alumni Association.

R. W. BINGHAM.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts Alumni Association closes its first year of existence with its annual dinner to be held at the Boston City Clubs, May 22, when a loyal crowd of Alpha Taus will lay plans for next season's campaign.

This association is the successor to the old Boston Alumni Association, of the Boston Congress memory, but covers a broader field, and with over 150 Alpha Taus in Massachusetts, we feel confident of a successful future. Meetings are held in alternate months from October to May, and it is the object of the association to take an active part in fraternity affairs in our section. We feel that with "something to do" a much greater interest will be maintained. Following this policy and at the suggestion of the Province Chief, the association recently sent two of its members, Alexander Macomber and H. E. Wood, to Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, to investigate the applicant clubs, which have petitioned A. T. O. for nearly two years. A report on this matter is to be made at the annual dinner and will be of considerable interest to the province.

ALEXANDER MACOMBER.

NEW ORLEANS.

Last evening the active members and the Alumni of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Tulane and affiliated members belonging to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity met at a great reunion which was celebrated by an automobile ride to Noy's, at Spanish Fort, followed by a supper at that place.

Seven automobiles and a large sight-seeing car were used to carry the large number of enthusiastic Alpha Taus, who assembled at Abbott's

garage at 6.30 o'clock P. M. Songs and college fraternity yells were given as the procession of motor cars made its way through the streets.

Arriving at Noy's, the band of Greeks immediately proceeded into the supper-room.

H. Garland Dupre acted as toastmaster, and before introducing the speakers sketched a brief history of A. T. O. at Tulane. The speakers were Dr. Frank Chalaroix, Trist Wood, Hugh Martin, of Birmingham, Ala.; Ginder Abbott, Ulrich B. Philips, Gervais Lombard, C. E. Allen, Jno. Janvier, Wm. A. Bell and Woodruff George, in behalf of the active chapter.

The speeches were greeted with much enthusiasm. They were partly reminiscent and partly concerned with the future plans of A. T. O. in New Orleans. Three or four thousand dollars were reported as having been raised towards the erection of a chapter house. It was definitely decided to organize an alumni association in New Orleans, and Ginder Abbott was elected President. Much praise was accorded to Dr. Chalaroix for having initiated the movement to form this association.

The Leverich brothers and Messrs. Bishop Moore, Edgar Farrar and L. Eustis led in the musical programme.

The honored guest of the occasion was Province Chief Hugh Martin, who came from Birmingham to be present at this reunion, which celebrates the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Tulane.

Those present were: Garland Dupre, Trist Wood, Ginder Abbott, Wm. A. Bell, Hugh Martin, Frank Chalaron, Gervais Lombard, Jno. Janvier, C. E. Allen, Irby Wisdom, I. S. Eshleman, H. Leverich, W. R. Leverich, W. H. Moore, R. Leverich, L. Eustis, E. H. Farrar, W. K. Leverich, Ulrich B. Philips, J. W. Rainey, Richard Eustis, C. L. Eshleman, E. L. Eustis, T. H. Lyons, J. W. Melvin, P. J. Cater, George Neves, Folwell, Legendre, W. P. Hume, Jas. T. De Buys, Ed Finley, A. B. Hunt, D. B. H. Chaffe, Jr., J. W. George, J. D. Hayward, Edgar Woods, Alfred Welborn, S. B. Thompson, Joe B. Chaffe, G. Musson, Rathbone De Buys, S. St. J. Eshleman, Chas. A. Burthe and Geo. Janvier.—New Orleans *Picayune*.

(From a letter to Hugh Martin.)

I have been endeavoring for some time to write you regarding the recent formation of the Louisiana Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega, but for lack of time have been unable to do so. I had intended elaborating a little on the rather hurriedly written article that appeared in the *Picayune* the day after the memorable event at which you were our guest of honor, but I am afraid that is now impossible and you will have to be content with the clipping enclosed herewith.

You will remember that a committee, consisting of Bros. Wm. A. Bell, H. Garland Dupre and John Janvier, was appointed to draw up a consti-

tution and by-laws. This committee has had several meetings and will be ready soon to make its report. You may rest assured that we are not going to let the grass grow under our feet. We have been talking "Alumni Association" and "Chapter House" for quite a while, but the days of talking are over now, I am thankful to say, and the future will be days of doing.

I am sorry I haven't anything else to send you but the newspaper article, and hope you can appease Bro. Reno's appetite for news with that. All join with me in kindest remembrances to you and sincere thanks for your presence at our reunion, and with best wishes for your success as Chief of Province I, I remain,

WATTS K. LEVERICH.

PORTLAND.

I wish you and the members of the staff, and those who contributed to the last PALM could have heard the many good things that our fellows said concerning the "Congress" number. The readers of the PALM here, which means every known Alpha Tau in Portland, could hardly wait for the arrival of the Spring issue; everyone wanted to know what happened at Pittsburgh, and, by and by, when the long looked for issue came, our pent up desires were fully satisfied, for it was certainly "newsy" and plum full of good things to read and to know.

Since last November, when the Association was organized, our number has diminished by one, Leon B. Merritt having returned to the University of Michigan. The eight remaining brothers are still active and as enthusiastic as any active chapter of the fraternity. While there has been little occasion for holding regular business meetings at stated intervals, still, during the winter, several call meetings were held and much interest was displayed.

Every Saturday we get together; that is, some of us do for luncheon, and, on these occasions, the hour set apart for good fellowship, always seems too short. If any new eligibles would come this way our Association would be glad to hold a late session every night, for we want to grow in number as well as in strength, and right here we want to serve notice on every Alpha Tau that we will consider it a reflection if he comes to Portland this summer and does not make himself known to at least one of us.

To many Alpha Taus it is known that this Association is particularly interested in procuring a charter for the Alpha Club, a local at the University of Oregon, Eugene, and while we are proud of the progress thus far made, still we would be prouder and far better pleased to have old Oregon honored by the fraternity as it has honored many another institution, and our fondest hope now is to have an Alpha Tau Chapter established at the State University. Brothers, let us not wait too long—

the time is ripe now, and delay surely means defeat. The members of the petitioning body are, indeed, worthy of the cause for which they are struggling, and surely we should not stand in their light nor in the way of the progress of our fraternity.

F. S. McCORD.

SPRINGFIELD.

Some weeks previous to the calling to order of the Pittsburgh Congress, the Springfield, Ohio, Alumni Association was organized. For several years we have had an organization, incorporated under the laws of the State as the Alpha Psi Chapter House Association. As the name implies, this association was formed for the purpose of securing a permanent home for the chapter located at Wittenberg College. Our Chapter House Association, we have therefore constituted an Alumni Association so that we might bear a more intimate relation to the fraternity.

Our officers are G. C. Davis, President; Dr. J. A. Ness, Vice-President, and the undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer.

When it is considered that there are forty-one Alumni living in the city of Springfield—that there are a number of others advantageously situated along traction lines within a dozen miles—and, in addition, an active chapter of nineteen men located at the college—it becomes evident that there are reasons numerical, at least, for an Association.

On the 19th of March, the Association held a banquet at the Arcade Hotel. It was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering ever held under the auspices of local Alpha Taus. Forty-eight of the brothers sat down at the tables. Our Worthy Grand Chief Hickok was with us, as were also a number of brothers from a distance.

Dr. E. S. Todd, Head of the Department of Economics, Miami University, acted as toastmaster. The toast list was as follows: "Let the right be done, though the heavens fall," Dr. J. A. Ness, Head of the Department of Latin, Wittenberg College; "Dis, Dat and Tudder," Hon. Roland W. Baggott, Judge of the Montgomery County Probate Court; "Highwater," Hon. Harold O. Kapp, Cincinnati, Ohio; "The Bunch," C. H. Falls, Ohio Alpha Psi; "Experientia Docet," Hon. J. B. McGrew, Springfield Alumni Association; "Futurus Esse," Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Worthy Grand Chief.

Wallace Newberger, of our baby chapter, was present, as were also the founders of Ohio Beta Eta and Missouri Gamma Rho, H. C. Phillips and G. C. Davis, respectively.

Those present were: Labin Murray and H. B. Nelson, South Charleston, Ohio; Judge R. W. Baggott, Dayton; Dr. E. S. Todd, Oxford; H. E. Eidemiller, Tippecanoe City; Wallace Newberger, Lexington, Ky.; Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Delaware, Ohio; H. O. Kapp, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. G. O. Berg, Dr. J. A. Ness, Dr. K. F. R. Hochdoerfer, Prof. R. W.

McKinney, H. C. Phillips, J. B. McGrew, H. R. Anderson, A. I. Zimmerman, P. P. Crabill, G. C. Davis, E. C. Dolbeer, Fred Wallace, W. N. Elder, W. S. MacKenzie, E. H. Fairchild, Walter Huffman, W. C. Jones, Vere Ridgely, W. A. Rebert, A. H. Wood, Keller Watkins, Downing Beach, L. L. Ridge, J. H. Culler, J. H. Dressler, Vernon Dolbeer, A. C. Dale, H. J. Dunkel, C. H. Falls, H. F. Kline, A. H. Kuhlman, C. L. Miller, K. C. Neer, R. W. Patterson, H. K. Shearer, B. P. Thomas, Joe Webb, W. H. Wilson, Edwin Woodard.

R. W. McKINNEY.

ST. LOUIS.

Our association has been active during the winter; we have had meetings at least once a month, generally getting together at dinner at one of the down town hotels. Our annual election of officers occurred February 26th, at which time John F. Renfro was elected president to succeed E. W. Ormand, and Wm. A. Elliot, secretary-treasurer, to succeed Carroll Smith.

An informal dinner was given April 2, at the Southern Hotel in honor of A. L. Wilson, who has left St. Louis to become pastor of a large Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati; Wilson had been assistant pastor in the First Church here for two years and has made a fine record.


Walker A. Evans is now connected with the Bear Grass Coal Co., in Texas, and has taken up his residence in Fort Worth.

C. H. Neilson has been appointed director of the summer school of the St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Dr. A. F. Barnett has left Japlin and expects to locate in the Northwest. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett in February.

The Alpha Taus with their ladies were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Fuller on April 23, at their home on Vernon Ave.; all spent a most enjoyable evening. Several meetings and social affairs have been planned for the summer months. Visiting brothers are more than welcome

WM. A. ELLIOT.



Chapter Letters.

ROLL CALL.

The following chapters failed to respond to our several requests for letters and have been fined the usual amount:

Province I—Georgia Alpha Beta; Georgia Beta Iota. Province II—Indiana Gamma Omicron. Province III—California Gamma Iota; Iowa Beta Alpha. Province V—Pennsylvania Alpha Pi; Pennsylvania Alpha Rho; Pennsylvania Tau. Province VI—North Carolina Xi; South Carolina Beta Xi; Virginia Beta; Virginia Delta. Province VII—Ohio Gamma Kappa. Province VIII—Tennessee Beta Tau; Tennessee Pi.

NOTICE.—If there are any chapters who prefer to be unrepresented in the September issue, they can avoid the sending of the same by remitting the usual fine. Otherwise, have letters in our hands by July 1st.

PROVINCE I.

ALPHA EPSILON—ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

We hope to see a chapter house in Auburn by the 1st of January, 1910. We all feel that we must have it and are working with that end in view. A building committee has been appointed consisting of the following alumni: B. B. Ross, S. L. Toomer, W. B. Gullate and N. C. Curtis. These men have drawn up a letter which has been sent to all the alumni of Alpha Epsilon. This letter is an appeal for funds. Howard and Stuoedt have been elected to go to Birmingham, Montgomery and other places to make a personal appeal for the assistance of Alpha Epsilon. We propose to erect a building which will be second to none in Auburn and by the assistance of the alumni we will, before January 1st, 1910, be comfortably situated in our new home.

A. G. Hubbard, of Albertville, Ala., was initiated February 6th. We were glad to have Dean, of Atlanta, with us in a recent meeting.

He gave us an inspiring talk which was enjoyed by all. Clements, '10, and Hubbard, '10, were in the oratorical contest on the 22nd of February, and both are reappointed for Commencement speakers. Clements won the medal. In basketball we were represented by Porter, '09, and Kuchinski, '09, and also Hubbard, '09, who was manager of the team. Buetel, '12, also starred on the Freshman team. In class football we were represented by Capt. Hubbard, '09, Kuchinski, '09, Hubbard, '10, Chapman, '11, and Ragland, '11.

In track athletics we have been well represented by Stauffacher, '10, and Buetel, '12. In baseball we have only one man on the 'Varsity team. This is Smith, '10, who is playing a star game at second base. We are represented on the scrubs by Noble, '10, and Hubbard, '10. At a recent meeting of the Junior Class several of our brothers were elected to fill responsible positions. These were Blue, Noble, Clements and Stauffacher.

A. G. HUBBARD.

ALABAMA BETA BETA—SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

In athletics the boys have been exceptionally successful. The baseball team would not be complete without Reddock and Rush. Weaver, Abrams and Powers are on for Commencement honors and they all hope to come out with flying colors and for the honor of A. T. O. they shall do their best. We look forward to the annual reception, to be given by the chapter on Friday before Commencement, with the greatest of pleasure.

Jesse Chapman, one of the old guard, paid us a visit at our last meeting and gave us a strong enthusiastic talk of the old days when he was a youngster. Four of our men leave us at the end of this scholastic year, R. C. Rush, O. C. Weaver, A. Abrams and L. C. Brannon.

ROBT. H. SMITH.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Derrill Pratt is captain and star third baseman of the South. Last season he received several flattering offers from a southern league team, while this year he is in still finer form. In Vaughan we feel sure we have the All-Southern catcher, and a man of great promise in the baseball world. Although only 18 years old, Vaughan plays like a veteran. He has an excellent whip and a cool head and is beyond doubt the most valuable man on the team. So far Alabama has played five series without losing a game, and our hopes are high for the S. I. H. H. championship. Smith is playing short on the Freshman team, which is coached by D. Pratt. Stollenwerck is playing in the outfield on the Sophomore team, which is coached by Shropshire. The class baseball championship now

lies between these two classes. Smith is also showing up mighty fine on the track team, and on the high jump we predict for him a place on the team this year, although it is as yet soon to say about new men's chances. Stollenwerck has been elected president of the Sophomore German Club and McDavid, floor manager. The class gave a hop on May 3rd. Two of Beta Delta's Seniors are planning to return next year and taking post-graduate courses, Woodruff in medicine and Brinkman in civil engineering.

We greatly regret losing our late provincial chief, L. H. Putman, of Mobile. We hope, however, our province and our chapter will continue to progress all the time, under our new chief, and we hope to be able to do lots to make Martin's regime the most successful in history of Province I.

J. W. STOLLENWERCK.

FLORIDA ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

Our chapter house proposition is now fairly launched, and is gaining headway rapidly. Judging from its present outlook, in a few years we will own one of the best fraternity homes in the South.

Among the Seniors who will graduate next month are Larsen, Gibbs and Chapin. Socially, Alpha Omega takes the lead in the University as usual. H. L. Thompson is president of the Junior Prom. Several receptions and a very enjoyable picnic have been held lately. Coe came over from Jacksonville in his auto to attend our last meeting. He is taking a business course preparatory to going into business for himself. Other alumni members who have visited us recently are Clark, Phifer, Davis and Chestnut.

RALPH D. RADER.

GEORGIA ALPHA THETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

Our anniversary exercises were held April 24th. The program was a decided success and enjoyed by all present. Marvin Parks, President of G. N. & I. C. College, was present and made the alumni address for us. Chupp and Phillips, of Lithonia, were among the visiting brothers present, and Profs. Smith and Turner of the faculty were up. On the afternoon of April 17th, we entertained our young lady friends of the town at a picnic and straw-ride.

In the recent track-day, our men took three first places, and three second places in the meet. Burt and Giradeau made speakers places in the Sophomore class; Quillian and Munro in the Junior, and W. S. Bryan in the Senior. Quillian represents us in the coming inter-society debate. Burt, Bryan, J. M. and W. S., Mallet, Smith, C. W. and L. R., Brown, C. F., Davis, R. H., and Peeples, R. H., represent us on the baseball

diamond this year on the five class teams of the college. In the tennis tournament we were represented by Quillian, Burt, Mallet, Peeples and Corker. Corker and Quillian represented us at Athens at the house party given by Alpha Beta Chapter. They give a glowing account of their royal entertainment. The President of the Y. M. C. A., elected at a recent meeting, is one of our men.

H. T. QUILLIAN.

GEORGIA ALPHA ZETA—MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, Georgia Alpha Zeta has lost two men, O. R. Coogle and A. C. Gilmore. The loss of both men is severely felt by the chapter. Gilmore did fine work as W. K. E. during the first part of the year and his place will be hard to fill.

We have five men on the baseball team. Wilbur Smith, catcher; "Dick" Richards, pitcher; "Kid" Fender, shortstop, and Beirne Smith, third baseman, all made their M's last year, while "Billy" Faulk, our second baseman, was captain of the Gordon Institute team last year and has made his M this year.

The Mercer team played Tech. in Atlanta on April 9th and 10th. Besides our five men on the team, five of our fellows went to Atlanta with the team and the Beta Iota men showed the Alpha Zetas a good time.

Alpha Beta gave a dance on April 14th after two ball games between Mercer and the University of Georgia and it was attended by Wilbur Smith and W. S. Fender, of our chapter. Alpha Beta certainly knows what hospitality means as was shown by the way they treated our men. We will lose J. N. Johnson by graduation in June.

We were visited last month by H. C. Oglesby and Eugene Mills, of last year's chapter, and Calker, of Alpha Theta. Calker invited the chapter to the anniversary banquet to be given at Emory on April 24th.

Ten men will return for the rushing season next fall and with the material we have in view our next chapter will rank with the best at Mercer. We have two men pledged and several spotted.

FRANK BEALER.

LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

On March 27th, the grand annual banquet was spread at Spanish Fort, a most beautiful spot overlooking Lake Ponchartrain. More than fifty of the trusty clan of local alumni were taken out by way of automobiles, to one of the finest Creole dinners ever cooked. The banquet was a profound success. Hugh Martin, our new Province Chief, was the guest of honor. During the course of the evening the New Orleans Alumni Association was organized, and Ginder Abbott was elected

President, and Watts Leverich, Secretary and Treasurer. On the committee to draw up the by-laws, were elected Wm. A. Bell, Garland Dupre and John Janvier, prominent lawyers of this city.

The inter-fraternity spirit at Tulane is greatly increased in its amical relations. The presentation of a cup by the Phi Delta Thetas for an inter-fraternity tennis tourney, did a great deal toward unifying the spirit. In addition, the idea of forming a pan-hellenic association to legislate against rushing and pledging boys in the lower grades of high schools, has almost completely filled the breach which has existed among the Greeks.

We are rejoicing over the recent victory of Woodruff George in the Carnot debate. This year, there was more interest taken and more contestants entered than ever before, and the active chapter considers this victory a significant honor. In addition, George has been elected to the editorship of the 1910 *Jambalaya*. The excitement was keen, but George won by quite a majority.

"Bishop" Moore, the champion half-miler of Tulane, and captain of the track team, is busy turning out athletes. In his corps are Eustis, Legendre and Joe Chaffe. Joe Chaffe has been elected by the Junior Class, Chairman of the Junior Prom. Committee, and he also fills a place on the Executive Committee of the newly formed Tulane University Tennis Club. Blackshear Chaffe, Jr., was lately elected to membership to the Phi Society, an honorary ribbon fraternity among the Freshmen and Sophomores for the promotion of college spirit. Chaffe also filled the position of an editor on the college paper for the Freshman issue.

We are glad we have no Seniors this year, as we would hate to lose them. With the eleven men we have now, each of whom intends to return next session, and the six or seven of the best "goats" in town, we may well be proud and look forward to the coming of next October.

JOE B. CHAFFE, JR.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Our chapter is rounding out the session of 1908-1909 in fine style. We will have fifteen men at the close of the year, with only two men graduating, Touchstone, law, and Randolph, academic. And to next year's prospects our minds are now turned; we have every reason to expect an even more uniformly successful year than this one has been. We will be in a new chapter house, with brand new furnishings throughout; our "suspect" list is generous; and the men who will return are all enthusiastic and tried A. T. O's—we do not expect to give the road to anyone. During the quarter, we have had the pleasure of visits, sometimes too brief, but always appreciated, by a number of men from this and other chapters. Recently, we have seen Harold Marsh, of Tyler; Kinney, of Sewanee, now living at Atlanta, Georgia; Ladd, of Minnesota; Lamar

Patterson, of Tyler; Clarence Dilley, of Palestine; Grover Cole, of Ferris, and Henry Burney, of San Antonio. Wallace Tobin, of this chapter, has moved from this city to Houston, Texas, where he is doing well in the practice of law. Joe Brown has returned from Baltimore, where he underwent a serious operation. The fraternity will be glad to know that he is practically recovered.

Philip Randolph, who takes his Master's degree this year, will be at Boston Tech. in 1909-1910. Zeb Nixon is now on the trip with the 'Varsity baseball team, holding down center field for the University.

CURTICE M. ROSSET.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

On account of the Conclave we will not give our usual annual dance, although we gave a formal dance on April 23 which was well attended by our alumni. We expect, however, to give a house party next year that will make up what we missed this year.

Since the last PALM we have had with us Weatherford, of Tenn. Beta Pi, who is touring the colleges in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. He did good work here and there is a warm welcome awaiting his return. Among our alumni who have favored us are Louis Moschell, Harvey Wood, Hi Powers, Byers, C. R. and Clendenin and J. F. Churchill. Our greatest inspiration comes from the visits of our alumni who tell us how *they* did things, point out our weaknesses and commend our virtues and we hope that none of them will ever fail to take advantage of an opportunity to make us a visit or offer any criticism or suggestion that may occur to them. Our local alumni must also be mentioned here, for they are most loyal and their mature judgment has often been invaluable to us. Our alumni can do lots toward making us better Alpha Taus and men and their every effort is highly appreciated.

Zeta Psi installed their Alpha Epsilon chapter here April 15-17, having granted a charter to the local Comus Club which had been petitioning since the fall of 1905. We congratulate the Comus Club, as well as Zeta Psi and wish them God speed.

* Cleavinger and Moschell have been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa; Jones into Tau Beta Pi; Reitz into Alpha Gamma, and Lindley and Thompson into Scabbard and Blade.

T. M. PRITTMAN, JR.

ILLINOIS GAMMA XI—UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

We have three new goats since last account. They are W. D. Jack, Omaha, Nebraska; J. A. Sutherland, Dallas, Texas, and Thomas J. Sullivan, Chicago. By the time this is in print they will have exchanged their buttons for badges. The initiation is scheduled for May 10.

The Alpha Tau baseball team, managed and captained by Gallagher, is preparing for the inter-fraternity baseball season, which opens May 1. The dope on our chances is encouraging, and unless that terror of championship teams, the hospital list, claims our stars, the rag should be ours.

The Eclectic Club, the petitioning organization at Northwestern University, is giving a smoker Saturday, May 1, for the Chicago Alumni Association and for Gamma Xi. The chapter will attend in a body. Those who have enjoyed Eclectic hospitality know that a big smoke will arise.

Wilson and Schreiber, Iowa Gamma Upsilon, have signed our book since last report. Also E. L. Osborne, Georgia Alpha Omega, "the best jeweler on the road." Local visitors are Cartwright, Ohio Beta Eta, who is a medic at Northwestern, and Halliburton, Missouri Gamma Rho, who has just entered here. He will make a valuable addition to the ball team. Virgil Crum, law, '08, of our own bunch, has been in the city recently, putting through a deal from the profits of which he intends to build us a house.

The chapter takes this opportunity to register its appreciation of the Congress number of the PALM and to congratulate the editor. It was one of the liveliest issues yet.

ALLEN SAYLES.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA—ROSE POLY. INSTITUTE.

During the year, seven men were introduced into the realm of Alpha Tau Omega. On Washington's Birthday, we initiated J. B. Peddle, I. F. Monger, C. O. Dodson, O. E. Reagan and C. O. Fairchild, previously mentioned as pledges, and A. C. Rasmussen, of St. Louis.

In the Rose Glee Club's presentation of a burlesque on "The National Flower," an operetta, we were ably represented by Webster in the leading role of Bailiff, Planck, Weaver, Fairchild, Rasmussen and Hayman, the big "hit" of the show, in the "female" character of "Four Leaf Clover"—a more bewitching bit of "girlishness" could hardly have been desired.

In athletics also, Gamma Gamma's representatives have shown up exceedingly well. Struck, Webster and Hoffner made their R's in football; Webster and Hoffner were forward and center, respectively, on the basketball five, while Webster is again playing left field on the baseball team this year. Douthett has been acting in the capacity of coach for the baseball squad this spring. Webster is one of the two "three R" men now in school. Rasmussen is showing up well as a quarter-miler; and Philippi will in all probability make the tennis team.

Osborne, of Alpha Theta, was espied in a hotel lobby reading a PALM, and was taken to the house, where he entertained the bunch till the "wee sma' hours" with his numerous adventures. We were mighty glad to have Bragg, of Gamma Omicron, drop in on us for a day while in the vicinity.

We were very sorry to lose McDaniel, who was called home by the death of his father. However, we hope to have "Mac" back with us this fall. Graduation will take from us Douthett, E. G. Jones and Philippi.

O. A. OHMAN.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

On April 3rd, it was our pleasure to have with us, an alumnus, Floyd W. Gray, Professor of Latin at the Dixon Military School, at Cuddington, La., and again on the 24th inst, we were favored with a visit from Bradt, of the University of Michigan. The inspiring words and helpful suggestions of these worthy brothers add to our determination to make Adrian prosper.

J. Doty, D. Dysinger and L. Green are new men wearing the blue and gold, making a total number of fourteen men. With this number working for the advancement of A. T. O., we feel sure that our part of the semi-centennial celebration, to be held here this Commencement, will be a grand success.

H. B. HAYNES.

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

When the year closes we will lose Oliver, who expects next year to be out in the busy world teaching. In looking back over the collegiate year we find that A. T. O. at Hillsdale, has been prominent in most every line of college activity. It has been the one purpose of the present chapter to become well rounded and balanced in our growth and have a representation in a large number of college activities. Our numbers have been diminished this spring by the loss of Hobart, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who was called home by the death of his father. He was an active man and had won many honors in football.

H. F. Ford played center and Stewart, guard, on the college basketball team this season. It was a good season and our men were there to help win. In baseball Alpha Taus will be as prominent as ever. Phillips as catcher, Fales at shortstop, and Reynolds in the outfield, will add much to the strengthening of the team.

Next year Beta Kappa will be pleasantly located in a chapter house and we are much elated over this change. A chapter house is something we have needed for some time and it will surely be appreciated by all the members.

C. C. OLIVER.

MICHIGAN BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We were recently paid short visits by Cutler, Bradt, Coe and Barney, all of whom are doing splendid work in their respective lines.

Announcements of the marriages of Wilcox and Thompson, two of our older alumni, have recently been sent us. In addition to taking a

wife, Wilcox has also assumed his duties as the new Chief of Province II. However, he is so constituted that we think he will be well able to stand the double strain. The best wishes of the entire chapter are extended to the new benedicts.

The various fraternities have gotten together and started a new custom for Michigan. It is with reference to non-treating. According to the new agreement no fraternity man will either give or accept a treat in Ann Arbor, save in the case of an out-of-town guest. It is the general opinion that the new custom will be conducive to greater sobriety on the part of the general student body and that our morals in general will be raised to a higher plane.

We lose by graduation this June, Johnson, Winkler, Dixon, Deakin and Harkness. During Commencement week we are looking forward to another one of those most enjoyable house parties which have been our good lot in the past. It has been our custom in previous years to have a spring party which the entire chapter was thus enabled to enjoy, but for a number of reasons we have postponed this year's party until Commencement.

In looking over the prospects for men next year it seems that the future is bright indeed, for, while losing five men by graduation, at least three old men who have been out of school for a year will return in the fall. McKinney, Mitchell and Urdle are pledges who will be initiated at the beginning of the semester. This will give us a nucleus of at least twenty-three men to start the new year with and will enable us to exercise careful judgment in deciding on rushable material.

J. E. HARKNESS.

MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON—ALBION COLLEGE.

On April 16th we initiated Wilson. Floyd Moore is becoming illustrious in the fields of debate and athletics. Baker is representing one of Michigan's leading dailies. Robert Smith promises to win intercollegiate honors with his tennis racquet. In the musical circles, Clifford Smith, Jelsch and Bemmer are always to be found in the front rank, all of them playing in the famous Sestonion Orchestra, a lively bunch composed of six "frat" men. This orchestra has been filling many prominent engagements in this part of the State, and expects to play at the Seattle Exposition. A few weeks ago, Baker and Wilson visited Beta Lambda at Ann Arbor, and both report a royal time. Smith keeps talking about the Pittsburgh Congress and from what we hear it must have been a "stunner."

CLARENCE BEMER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

According to the usual calendar of college happenings inter-fraternity and inter-class baseball should be the absorbing topic at Wisconsin at present writing, but the inclement weather which has allowed the 'varsity team practically no practice so far, has made it impossible to play off the games scheduled. Hence each frat still has a show for the cup. We consider ours a good one. Last year we won third place in a league of seventeen fraternities. With six good Freshmen ball tossers it looks as though we will have a better team this season than last.

In the bowling season which closed in March, we landed seventh place. Seventeen fraternities contested, Phi Kappa Sigma winning first, Delta Upsilon second, and Kappa Sigma third, respectively.



WISCONSIN GAMMA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

In 'varsity athletics, Stiehm was awarded his W in football and basketball, as usual. He won the tennis championship last year and will be out for it again this spring. Grell was awarded his numerals on the freshman football team and is now rowing on the Freshman crew. Ruenzel is catcher for the Freshman baseball team.

On March 6th, we held a formal initiation and banquet. W. E. Chapman, of Dillon, Montana; Lucian A. Wood and Arthur B. P. Wood, of Fonda, Iowa, and Carl H. Ruenzel, of Milwaukee, were the initiates. Dr. Ravenel, Tenn. Omega and Wis. Gamma Tau, acted as toastmaster.

The second semester has been marked by unusual social activity. Our annual spring formal, which was held May 28, was a great success. Equally enjoyable have been the informal dancing parties held monthly at the chapter house. A number of our fellows gave a supper and theatre party at "The Dancing Doll," the student opera, which was given in April.

Among our visitors this spring have been J. P. Murrish and A. A. Johnson. Wisconsin Gamma Tau; E. C. Osburn, Georgia Alpha Theta, W. C. King, Kentucky Mu Iota, and R. W. Pringle, Alpha Omicron.

We have pledged Fred A. Zimmerman, of Evanston, Ill.

OTTO FRANC BRADLEY.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO GAMMA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

From April 9th to 13th, Province Chief Van der Vries visited the chapter. During his stay a smoker, a dance and an Easter dinner were given in his honor. We are hoping to have W. G. C. Hickok with us in May. At that time our annual banquet will be held in Denver. On May 7th we plan to have our eighth annual ball in Boulder. This is held in commemoration of the installation of the chapter on May 4, 1901.

On February 1st we initiated William and Colin Simpson, both Engineering students, the former a Sophomore and the latter a Freshman.

Much interest is now being taken in inter-fraternity athletics. We won our division in basketball, but lost the championship. Our fraternity baseball team, under the captaincy of Carl McLauthlin, is practicing every morning at six. Joe Garst was manager and Louis Reilly, soloist, of this year's University Quartettes, a succession to the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. Randolph Ballinger is captain and pitcher of the University baseball team, and Frank Walsh, a three "C" man, and Ray Taylor are out on the squad. Ray Taylor made his "C" in basketball. Frazer Banks was on the debating team that defeated the team of the University of Utah. John Kirton was recently initiated into "Vulcan," an honorary Junior engineering local. J. Warner Mills is athletic editor on the Annual board for next year. Frazer Banks is president, and Karl Farr, secretary, of the Y. M. C. A. Randolph Hudston is a charter member, and Ray Taylor, a pledge, of Phi Rho Sigma, which was recently granted a charter here.

The Legislature just adjourned, appropriated funds for a power plant, part of a new science building, and wings to the Hale Building; a resolution was passed permitting the University professors to participate in the Carnegie Pension Fund; an amendment to the State Constitution, permitting the University to conduct medical classes in Denver, was submitted to popular vote; a substantial appropriation was made to the Geological Survey, located here; and the graduates of our College of Education, will hereafter, according to the provisions of the Certification Law, not be required to pass examinations before teaching. The new Law Building, the gift of Senator Simon Guggenheim, is nearing completion.

L. FRAZER BANKS.

IOWA GAMMA UPSILON—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

With the close of this semester, we lose seven of our strongest men from active membership—Prior, Carpenter, Willett, Rhine, Schreiber, Wilson and Reppert. Prior, not waiting to enjoy the festivities accompanied by the cap and gown, has finished his college work and has a good

position on the bridge and construction department of the Milwaukee R. R., out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Carpenter will return to Watertown, S. D., to a partnership with his father and will also hold the position of City Engineer; Wilson goes west to take a position in Wyoming with an irrigation company; Schreiber and Rhine expect to advance an interurban line into the southern part of Iowa for the Iowa Railroad Co.; Willett will do mining work in Michigan and Reppert will enter the automobile business in Des Moines. All were charter members of the chapter and it is with a great deal of regret that they sever their connection with their Alma Mater and active services for Alpha Tau.

The Sophomore class play, "The Maneuvers of Jane," came off the last of February and with it Taylor, in a star part, carried off the honors for Alpha Tau. Ward McGavren, after being out of school for a year on account of ill health, is welcomed back with us again and with some of the rest of us is holding up the literary end of the string.

We have a good list of 'varsity baseball games and track meets here this spring, having two or three games a week. Ralph Wilson, our star second baseman, is with the team again and as usual making good. Pearl Wilson is also out on the Freshman team and Willett is captain of the Senior team. Captain Wilson is leading our team in the Pan-Hellenic baseball league this spring and with a good cup for the prize we are having a close contest.

We have selected a location for a chapter house and have taken active steps toward procuring the site. With a note system for our alumni established and a good outlook for obtaining funds, a new chapter house will in the near future be a certainty.

REX E. EDGECOMB.

KANSAS GAMMA MU—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

With the close of this scholastic year, Kansas Gamma Mu will lose six of her men by graduation. They are Edmond Bartholow, Herbert Luther, Howard Farnsworth, Frank Tyler, Lauren Armsby and Roy Burdick. Bartholow and Burdick will accept positions as High School Instructors; Luther will do Engineering work here; Farnsworth will be Examiner of Surveys for the Civil Service Department at Neligh, Neb.; Armsby will accept a position as a Chemical Engineer in Kansas City, Missouri, and Tyler will probably re-enter school for a post-graduate course. While we feel the loss of every one of these brothers greatly, their vacancies will not be left unfilled. Forbes, of Wathena; Tyler, of Dewey, Oklahoma; Brigham, of Iola; Morris, of Eureka; Juns, of McPherson, and Reid, of Howard, will return to school next fall and take up their work where they left it. Consequently, Gamma Mu will start next year in about the same condition in which she now is, and with the added material she acquires each fall the outlook for next year is optimistic, indeed.

On the evening of April thirteenth, we gave our annual formal spring party, which was considered one of the best given here this year. Three hundred people were present. The hall was beautifully decorated with banners, A. T. O. colors, a large illuminated Alpha Tau pin and palms and flowers. The music for twenty dances was furnished by Harry Kelly's orchestra, of Kansas City, which has a reputation in this part of the country for excellent music. Three-course refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Dr. J. N. Van der Vries, our Province Chief, led the grand march. Arbor Barth was a guest from Nebraska Gamma Theta.

We have decided upon May twenty-eighth for our farewell party. This function was first given by us last spring and proved to be such a success that we are all looking forward to it this year. The party will be given at our chapter house and will be informal.

EARL FISCHER.

MINNESOTA GAMMA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

At the end of the present school year, Gamma Nu is in better condition than ever before. We have many things of which to be proud and first of all is our new chapter house. Through the efforts of William Smiley, we have purchased a fine new home on the corner of Eleventh Ave. and Fourth St., S. E., and are anxiously waiting for the day when we shall first occupy our new home.

On May first the best *Gopher* ever published at Minnesota was put on sale and too much credit can not be given to Williams, who was the managing editor. At the recent election of the 1911 *Gopher* board, Walter Nuessle was unanimously elected to represent the Medical Department. He was also recently elected to the position of Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Howard Williams is also on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, being Chairman of the Press Committee. Johnnie McGovern made the 'Varsity baseball team and is the heaviest batter on the squad. Lawrence Barnard and George Woods have been doing good work on the track and should make a good showing in the intercollegiate meets. John McKenzie was elected President of the *Daily* Board of Publishers at their meeting two weeks ago. Mr. Robischon, who is a Sophomore Engineer and the Engineer representative on the 1911 *Gopher* Board, has been pledged.

In the indoor track meet held a short time ago, the A. T. O. relay team got second place in the inter-fraternity relay race and but for an accident would easily have had first place.

Gamma Nu entertained at a formal dancing party on Friday evening, April 23rd, and the party was a success in every way. Sixteen dances, supper and a five-figured cotillion constituted the program of the evening. Immediately after the supper hour, Maurice Eisner favored the company with two piano solos.

We have been glad to see Mellenthin, Ray Todd, Montgomery, Velde, Donald, Lagerstrom, Burns and Dorr at our chapter house this fall and only wish that they could come more often.

JOHN MCKENZIE.



THE NEW
A. T. O. HOUSE
AT
MINNESOTA.



MISSOURI GAMMA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

This finds Gamma Rho in a very prosperous condition with eighteen active members. Since our last letter we have initiated the following men: J. W. Fleming and P. G. Ginther, of Moberly, Mo., and W. S. Smith, of Little Rock, Ark.

We regret the loss of S. J. Dalton, of Boonville, Miss., who was compelled to leave school on account of malaria fever. Dalton will return next year. J. W. Fleming had a slight attack of measles and had to go home, but has returned to resume his studies.

May 1st is High School day at the University and large delegations are expected from all over the State. Six hundred athletes are entered in the track events. This is one of the big days of the year at Missouri. We are going to give an informal dance for the promising A. T. O's.

We have just finished the plans for the remodeling of our chapter house. The new plans will give us one of the best dancing parlors in Columbia.

WEB. N. JONES.

NEBRASKA GAMMA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Gamma Theta has not lost a man thus far this year, an achievement of record for us. We have twenty-one active men at this time, sixteen being at the house. The alumni are contributing a fund for the purchase of additional furniture for use in our new house.

Since our last letter, Weaverling has been elected business manager of next year's *Cornhusker*. He is also tennis manager and both he and Flower seem to be sure of representing the school in its intercollegiate matches this spring. R. E. Campbell won the 25-yard dash in the inter-class track meet, equalling the University record. Campbell will be the 100 and 220-yard man on the track team this year. He and Reed were on Nebraska's relay team in the recent meet at Kansas City. Reed will run the quarter and half mile this year. He managed the Sophomore team in the inter-class meet. McGogy is also out for track. Reed was recently elected Junior managing editor of next year's *Cornhusker*. D. C. Mitchell won the individual championship in the Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic Contest at Lincoln, April 17. M. E. Faber, Gamma Tau, was a member of the Wisconsin team and paid us a pleasant visit after the meet. Mitchell was lately elected to membership in Sigma Tau, the honorary Engineering fraternity, being one of two frat men to gain the honor. Jessup is on the 'Varsity baseball squad.

Inter-fraternity baseball has begun again. We are tied with S. A. E. for last year's championship. The deciding game will be played soon. We are easily in the lead for this year's pennant.

Mallery is president of "Iron Sphinx," the Sophomore society, and Reddish is vice-president of "Spike," the Freshman society, while Flower was recently elected into "Viking." Barth attended the annual party of Kansas Gamma Mu, and reports a pleasant time.

We have been entertaining at the chapter house about every three weeks during the last semester. Arbor Barth entertained the chapter at his home on the evening of April 23. Our neighbors, the Alpha Phis, entertained us informally April 24. Marsh, Rhodes Scholar, has returned to the U. S., and is teaching language in his old high school in Wisconsin. Marsh is one of the alumni who donated liberally toward our furniture fund. We have to thank Dr. E. J. Angle for looking after this proposition.

Osborne, Laird and Coufal, Gamma Theta, were recent out-of-town visitors.

C. SHOEMAKER.

WASHINGTON GAMMA PI—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

To say that our college is growing every day is only going half way—our chapter is growing with it. June 1st, the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition opens and at its close leaves over a million dollars' worth of buildings to the University. May 1st, Washington Gamma Pi launches

itself into one of the finest fraternity houses at the University, 4534 University Boulevard. This will be the home of all Alpha Taus coming to the Fair this summer and is only a short distance from the grounds. We give you a welcoming hand.

In debate we were well represented this year, Rex Roudebush leading the team that won the Northwest Championship and Will Parker leading the law debating team. In athletics we are also well represented, having four men out for track, Will Severyns making his "W" this year, while Million has made his place in baseball. Several alumni from other chapters have made short visits and by attending the monthly "feeds" the chapter and association keep well in touch.

Hanson, Harris, Smith, Kirkwood and Miller, of Illinois, are now living in Seattle. Crawford, of Cornell, is with McCauley Bros., manufacturers of machinery, while Oeks, also of Cornell, is making his headquarters in Seattle.

ELLSWORTH V. VACHON.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

As the college year nears its end we are beginning to realize how hard it will be for us next fall to fill the places which will be left vacant by the Seniors who graduate. This spring, Hall, Littlefield, Paine, Clemons, Pray and Wadsworth will leave us, and their loss will be a heavy one to Beta Upsilon, as each has been working hard for the good of the chapter for the past four years. However, we hope that they will keep in touch with us in the years to come, and they should feel proud to know that, at the present time, the chapter is in better condition than it ever has been since its establishment.

Burleigh has made us several visits lately. Banks, employed by the government in the Reclamation Service in Montana, has been a recent visitor here. Littlefield, Cook and Phillips are showing up well on the track, and in all probability will make the track team.

FRED W. NASON.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE.

With the coming of spring, Gamma Alpha has jumped into the game with her usual form in the classroom and on the athletic field. Haskell is president of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and Dow holds the chair of the Maine Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Herrick and Dow are out for baseball and will probably play on the "scrubs." Reynolds, Hussey and Herrick are doing good work in track and promise great doings in the coming meets. Dow and Young, '07,

will undoubtedly represent us in the Maine Tennis Tournaments of the spring to be held at Lewiston.

Higginbotham has made Sophomore Declamation and is treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association. Clark and Read were delegates of the Association at the Maine Intercollegiate Conference, held at Bowdoin College recently. In the college play, Dow held down a leading role and his work was excellent. Rose has been Artist for the *Colby Oracle*. With his work and that of Merrill as Editor-in-Chief, and Fogwell as Associate Editor, this year's production will be of the best.

During the winter and recently, we have enjoyed entertaining quite a number of our alumni. They were very much pleased with the condition of our chapter. We look forward to our reunion at Commencement, when a large crowd of Alphas will try our hospitality.

Gamma Alpha has the honor of graduating more men than any other fraternity in college this coming June. Rose, Wheeler, N. P. Merrill, E. W. Merrill, Read, Paine* and Davis are the brothers who will receive their sheep-skin. We have a dozen young men under observation and will surely have a fine Freshman delegation in September.

J. P. FOGWELL.

MASS. BETA GAMMA—MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

On Wednesday evening, March 17, we were host for over one hundred guests, the occasion being our annual smoker. We believe that in an institution situated as is the 'Stute without campus, etc., the bringing together of fraternity men, non-fraternity men and members of the instructing staff at informal social functions of this nature helps to promote a feeling of good fellowship and thus do away with that spirit of antagonism between the frats and non-frats. which is so prominent in some colleges. The evening was quite a success.

However, A. T. O. does not confine its social activities merely to the entertainment of those who can smoke a pipe or roll a cigarette; for, on occasions like Junior Week its hospitality includes members of the other sex. This year as formerly, we gave a house party for the season. If the knowledge that they had missed a good thing, on the part of those who did not participate in the gayeties, is an evidence of a delightful time, then we will accord this house party a great success.

The annual Tech. Show, having five A. T. O's in the cast and chorus and produced under the management of Joslin and Goodwin, gave five performances during Junior Week. The show was up to the standard of former years and in some respects better.

Bates has recently been appointed to the news staff of *The Tech.*, the tri-weekly student publication. Kimball has been elected to the Technique Electoral Committee. Also Greene has been elected treasurer of the Electrical Engineering Society.

Draper, '08, who is employed in the Pittsburgh district, paid us a very delightful visit recently. Webb has left for the West, where he will assist in an investigation in connection with some mining property.

We have received visits from Farnsworth, Jackson, Morden, Jeffries, Mass. Gamma Sigma; Tewkesbury, New York Beta Theta; Higginbotham, Maine Gamma Alpha, and Oak, Maine Beta Upsilon.

J. C. ROGERS.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA—TUFTS COLLEGE.

Since the March issue, we have initiated two men, Harold D. Miller and Stanley M. Brown. We also have one pledged man, Walter S. Frost, of Roxbury.

Our chapter found it to their advantage to have a social night at the house, and at that time to invite some professor down to give us a talk on his travels or any interesting subject on which he may wish to discourse. Following out this scheme, the entertainment committee had Prof. Wade give an interesting talk on his travels in Asia Minor on the evening of March 23rd. Light refreshments were served.

Three of our men, Mackin, Irwin and Frost, were elected to the "Sword and Shield," the honorary Sophomore society. We miss Hubbard, the track captain, who, having completed his college work, is now teaching for the remainder of the year at Goddard Seminary. As a consequence of his enforced absence, Swartz was elected to the captaincy for next year and to serve for the rest of this year. This makes the fourth consecutive year that we have had track captain here at Tufts. Cook, Ritchy and Kinsman are members of the musical clubs. Manager Cousins is getting on admirably with his excellent baseball schedule. Atwood, who was granted his "T" in basketball, is one of the mainstays on the pitching staff.

The chapter has decided to give up its annual dance and the usual efforts in this event have been spent in refurnishing the house. Not to mention the numerous additions, a new range has been presented by the members of the Junior and Sophomore classes which will facilitate rush orders in the kitchen. The house has also been redecorated, both exterior and interior, through the efforts of Soper.

M. H. HOUGHTON.

MASS. GAMMA SIGMA—WORCESTER POLYTECH. INSTITUTE.

We have done considerable rushing this spring and as a result have pledged two men and expect to pledge several more soon. Those pledged are Walter Foley, '10, and Everett T. Harrop, '12, of Worcester. On April 30 we initiated Guy Hawkins, '12, of Lancaster, Mass., and take this opportunity to introduce him to the fraternity-at-large.

On May first we had a rush meeting, at which Prof. Olshausen gave a very interesting talk on "Student Life in Germany."

Donald H. Mace, '07, who has been taking graduate work at the Institute, was recently elected to Sigma Xi. We congratulate "Don," as well as ourselves. Wolcott, Sargent and Frizzell are out for the ball team this spring, but Tabb and Kennedy, who were on the 'varsity team last year, are unable to go out on account of sickness. Frizzell has been elected business manager of the 1911 *Aftermath* and Wolcott and Classen constitute two of the executive board of the same publication.

In connection with our annual dance we had a house party this year which was our first attempt in this line. The girls came Friday, February 26th, and stayed over Sunday. The dance was held Friday night and was a very beautiful and enjoyable occasion. On Saturday afternoon we all attended the theatre and in the evening enjoyed an informal whist party at the house. The three days were enjoyed so much by everyone that a house party will surely be an annual affair in the future. Farnsworth and Williams represented the alumni at the dance.

One of the local fraternities, Pi Omega Pi, recently received a charter from Theta Chi. There are now three "nationals" represented here besides Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Theta Chi. There are also two locals, Delta Tau and Kappa Xi Alpha, both of which are petitioning "nationals." These six fraternities have a total active membership of one hundred and fifty-five which is about twenty-five per cent. of the school enrollment.

W. C. WATSON.

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The chapter has taken in one initiate and has lost one member during the past term. William T. Peirce, of Springfield, Mass., has been initiated, and L. E. Ehle, '11, has left college to go to work in Rye, N. Y.

The chapter gave two alumni smokers recently, and at one of these was visited for the first time by Huger Elliott, an alumnus of Louisiana Beta Epsilon, who is at present head of the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. Howard White, Gamma Delta, '02, who gained fame among A. T. O's as a singer at the Pittsburgh Congress, sang in chapel service one morning recently.

Nourse, '09, is first string pitcher on the 'Varsity team. Von Bargaen, '09, is one of the board of editors of the *Liber Brunensis*, and has been elected to the Glee Club this term. Wilmarth, '10, is chairman of the Junior Prom. Committee, secretary of the Junior Week Committee and vice-president of the inter-fraternity baseball league. Franklin, '10, has secured a position as assistant in the engineering department for next year. Richardson, '11, was secretary of the Sophomore Ball Com-

mittee, played on his class basketball team, and has been elected assistant 'Varsity basketball manager. Gifford, '11, is entered in the competition for assistant baseball manager, and Skillings, '11, is out for assistant track manager. Warner, '12, has made good on the 'Varsity baseball squad and has pitched in a number of games this season. Barrows, '12, has been appointed temporary captain of the Freshman baseball team, and will be out for the 'Varsity as soon as he recovers from an injury. Drury, '12, holds high average score on the bowling team. Pahline, '12, is playing second base on his class team.

ROBT. F. SKILLINGS.

VERMONT BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Since our last letter we have initiated one more Freshman, Frank O. Lee, of Burlington, Vermont. Hard, ex-'08, returned at Easter to complete his college course. We will lose only two active men by graduation, Chase and Crowell. Recent visitors have been C. J. Chase, '08, of Toronto, Ont., and J. B. Edwards, ex-'06, of New York. Baseball has been well ushered in with victories over Brown, Amherst and Holy Cross.

Navigation on our beautiful Lake Champlain is open and affords canoeing, yatching and other sports. Many brothers will remain to attend the Champlain Tercentenary which follows immediately the close of college.

Beard is captain of the second baseball team. Van Brunt was recently elected to "Key and Serpent," the honorary Junior society.

H. P. CROWELL.

PROVINCE V.

NEW YORK ALPHA LAMBDA—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Through a mistake as to the date of our annual chapter banquet, there were several familiar faces conspicuous only by their absence, and the affair missed the success we had expected for it. There was a small number present, however, of those who made up for the lack in numbers. The best to be said is that they enjoyed themselves.

The general life of the chapter has been rather quiet. We are at present perfecting our organization for the benefit of Province Chief Marshall, whom we expect to make us a visit shortly, and whose inspection we shall have to undergo.

Columbia athletics have had great difficulties this spring owing to the regrading of South Field, our only athletic field. All the teams have had to practice away from the University, some of them in open lots near the city limits, and this has made practice hard and candidates

scarce. The only sport which has not suffered is crew, and we expect to be decidedly more successful in rowing than in the other spring branches of athletics.

The chapter will send out four alumni this June, namely: Carroll, Knight, Richards and Bruns. They do not know yet what they're going to do, nor where.

G. M. RICHARDS.

NEW YORK ALPHA OMICRON—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter one of the greatest social functions of the year has passed, the 20th annual Alpha Tau Omega ball. The gymnasium was the scene of the occasion and was trimmed massively with cedar and incandescent lights. The attendance was large and many of our alumni were brought back to the scene. It required a great deal of work and time, but we felt well paid on hearing that it was the greatest function ever held in the college gymnasium.

On April 3rd, Warren M. Slocum, '12, was brought out at a banquet in the chapter house dining room. Some of the alumni were present and thused the occasion with remarks relative to fraternity spirit.

The second semi-annual letter has been sent to our alumni. We believe that this is a good practice, as it gives them an idea what is going on in the chapter, in which they are so interested.

Captain O'Brien, '09, is busy with the baseball team, as a large schedule is to be played. Calder, '09, Calder, '10, Allen, '10, and Welch, '12, are on the field each day and are the mainstays of the team.

Manager Van Brocklin, '10, has just about completed his basketball schedule for next season. Bird, '10, was chosen football manager for next fall, after two men had been elected from the student body, and had failed to be ratified by the Athletic Advisory Board.

The St. Lawrence University Club has started playing the "Man on the Box," in nearby cities and is meeting with marked success. Dyer, '09, is manager of the club, while Calder, '10, and Watson, '11, take commendable parts in the play.

Among the alumni who have recently visited the chapter are: A. O. Howard, '88, New York; E. O. Hurlburt, '06, Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. G. Terry, ex-'09, Southold, N. Y.; M. H. Jencks, '05, Troy, N. Y.; Wm. Coats, '04, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; W. G. Kimball, '08, New York, N. Y.; D. R. Lewis, '06, Madrid, N. Y.; J. B. Laidlaw, '01, Gouverneur, N. Y. We delight in having the alumni return to the chapter, as we feel that in doing so, they manifest their interest and loyalty. Alpha Omicron is well proud of her alumni.

Ground has been broken for two new buildings on the campus, one another Agricultural Building and the other a Government Building for a Weather Bureau Station.

DWIGHT E. TIMMERMAN.

NEW YORK BETA THETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since last February, we have initiated G. W. Egbert, Jr., '12, and have pledged one man for next year.

The furniture for our alumni room was installed immediately after the spring vacation and we are indebted to our Buffalo Alumni for this. The lawn is being fixed up and new seed sown and the walks around the house have been rebuilt.

The next thing of importance in a social way is Navy Week. We are planning to have a house party then and expect to spend three very enjoyable days. With two ball games with Harvard and Penn., two crew races with Harvard, the Senior ball and two concerts, it should be a very busy time. The fellows who stayed here during the spring vacation gave a dance at the house and had an enjoyable evening.

In athletics, we are represented by Ebeling, 'Varsity baseball; Tewksbury, Freshman baseball; Bird, Architect's crew, and Nichols in spring football practice.

H. D. KNEELAND.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA—MUHLENBERG COLLEGE.

In reviewing our doings of the last quarter, we joyously recall our annual spring smoker. It was held at the Elks' home and by unanimous concurrence far eclipsed all former occasions of the same nature. A large number of our alumni joined the active chapter in making it a genuine and distinctive Alpha Tau affair. Good cheer and merry countenances, characteristics of A. T. O. men, were in prodigious evidence. Several of our prominent alumni responded when called upon for speeches, besides certain of the brothers gave proof of their ability in minstrelsy.

"Nathan Hale," the Freshman play, given on February 23, under the direction of John McCollom, proved a great success. In view of the fact that this was the most difficult Freshman play ever given at Muhlenberg, the cast did remarkably well and deserves due credit. The leading role was commendably acted by Frederick and the character of "Alice Adams" was gracefully portrayed by Bennett. Shafer, Sanders and Henninger were also members of the cast.

The Sophomore banquet was held on March 5 at the Windsor Hotel, Philadelphia. Hartzell officiated as toastmaster, and Eberts and Romig responded to toasts. Kuder has withdrawn from college and is now connected with some electrical concern. Aberly and Shupp are serving as Associate Editors on the *Ciarla* staff. Bossard and Nonamaker represented us in the Intersociety Oratorical contest.

For the first time in the history of Muhlenberg, one of her men has succeeded in obtaining a Harrison scholarship from the University of Pennsylvania. We feel particularly elated that this honor should come to a member of our chapter, Bossard. To attain this scholarship, it was necessary to furnish suitable credentials and a written essay.

JNO. E. HARTZELL.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON—GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Since our last letter we have held several dances, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. We have also held many impromptu dances in the house, these being common occurrences now at college.

The baseball season has begun at Gettysburg. We find Breitenreiter, '11, playing a star game at first base, and Deneen, pledged, catching. At the trials for the relay team to represent the college at the different meets, Zinn, Wentzel and Raby, Capt., were successful. Many of the brothers have entered the tennis tournament which is now in progress.

The chapter recently had visits from Swartz, W. B. McClure, Stock and E. L. Osborne, of Ga. Alpha Theta. We are always glad to receive visits from Alpha Taus, and will try to show any a good time while with us.

Bloomhardt and Raby are honor men and are thus Commencement speakers, the former being valedictorian. Phillipy and Bender were also elected Class Day speakers. McCaw, '11, was elected business manager, and Breitenreiter, '11, associate editor, of the 1911 *Spectrum*, an annual publication by the Junior Class. McCaw, '11, and Burd, '12, were also members of their class banquet committee.

Since this is the last issue of the PALM before fall, we would appreciate any information given us concerning worthy men whom the readers may know of entering Gettysburg College.

M. B. BENDER.

PROVINCE VI.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Of the five Seniors that Alpha Delta graduates this June, all, save one, will return next fall. McNeill and Don McRae will be back to study law and Duncan MacRae and Bayley to take work in Chemistry and Botany, respectively.

With the return of Watkins and McLean, who were forced to leave owing to sickness, this will give us twelve men to start with and we expect to initiate about six in September.

The April dances were held during Easter week. The annual "Senior Stunt," a class custom here, was perpetuated at the same time in the form of a real circus with plenty of canvas, a huge menagerie and the inevitable venders. McNeill, Ray, Bagley and the McRaes all took part. Mademoiselle Bayley distinguished himself as a ballet dancer—recalling Congress memories of Genie.

We expect Hill, '07, Burgwin, '08, Sutton, '08, and Haigh, '03, to spend Commencement week at the house.

Wallace Newberger, of Ken. Mu Iota, visited the chapter some time in April.

DONALD RAY.



A. T. O. HOUSE—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PROVINCE VII.

OHIO ALPHA NU—MT. UNION COLLEGE.

Mt. Union is booming. Our new president, Dr. W. H. McMasters, came to us on the morning of April 1, and we gave him a royal reception, meeting him at the depot in a body, and escorting him to the college campus, where fitting exercises were held. We are very proud of our new president, for we feel assured that he is just the man for the place, and that he will not only put forth his best efforts for the institution, but will see to it, that those efforts accomplish something. Although he has been with us but a short time, his fine personality and business-like way of meeting every circumstance which presents itself, have won him many friends, and there is no doubt that he will receive the most hearty co-operation.

Alpha Nu is having a great year. Our numbers are larger, our scholarship better, and we are stronger in many respects than the chapter has been for some time. Irwin has returned to school, and is a valuable man. We expect to initiate four men soon, and these, together with Moore, who is coming in to graduate with the class of '09, will give us sixteen men.

Our twenty-seventh annual banquet, held on March 20th, was by far the greatest event of the year, and belongs in a class by itself. On the evening of April 19, the chapter gave a reception to Lieut. E. E.

Scranton, of the U. S. S. Georgia, who has just returned from his trip around the world with the Pacific fleet. Lieut. Scranton gave us a very amusing and instructive description of the trip. We are justly proud of our scholastic standing this year. We lay great stress upon this feature, and the results along this line are most gratifying. Alpha Nu is more than carrying off the honors in athletics.

We have four men on the 'Varsity, Siegrist, Capt., and second base; O'Brien, catcher; Lower, third base, and Nulton, outfield. Stout, Lane and Bowles are also doing good work on the Scrubs. Bowles, a pledge, returned to school this term, and will be initiated soon. He is doing the greater part of the drawing and cartoon work for our annual, the *Unonian*. Shaw was a delegate from the local Y. M. C. A., to the Bishop Thoburn Jubilee, held at Allegheny College, April 11-13.

PERCY M. NULTON.

OHIO ALPHA PSI—WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

The school year, which is fast drawing to a close, has been a very prosperous one for Alpha Psi. The outlook for next year is at present a very bright one. We will not lose a man by graduation this Commencement, and consequently our chapter will be stronger than it has ever been before. At present we have three men pledged who will be eligible for initiation next fall.

We hope with the opening of school in September to have a new chapter house. We have been working to that end for some time, and at last it seems as if we were to be successful in our project.

On the evening of March 19th, the Springfield Alumni Association held a banquet at the Arcade Hotel. Prof. Todd, of Miami University, acted as toastmaster. W. G. C. Paul R. Hicok; Judge Baggott, of Dayton, Ohio, and Wallace Newberger, of Kentucky Mu Iota, were present. The active chapter was also present in full force. The toasts were many and good. The young fellows were told of how it used to be in the good old days, while the alumni brothers were made acquainted with the flourishing condition of the present chapter.

Several of our men are now training for the coming football season. Detray, of Chicago, will coach the team next fall, and he is now with us giving the fellows a little spring practice.

On the evening of April 16th, we gave a very delightful dance at the Neff Grounds, a few miles out of the city. Plans have been set on foot for another dance to be given at the same place before the close of school.

A. C. DALE

OHIO BETA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Beta Eta began the spring term under most auspicious circumstances, which have so far continued, although Gullet was compelled

to leave school on account of the death of his father. Scott and Acomb did not return, but we secured one pledge, M. H. Inskip, thus leaving us twelve initiates and three pledges. After recovering from the effects of the conclave, the men have settled down into the old routine and are making things hum. We have written to the alumni, giving them an account of the chapter and the conclave and by this scheme are keeping the old men in touch with the chapter and all its activities. A number of informal dinners have been given at the house—for, as dances are not according to Hoyle in Wesleyan, we have to make the most of just plain dates. In baseball this spring Alpha Tau seems to be on the job. Potts, last year's captain and future Portsmouth outfielder, is ably holding down the pivot job in the outer garden lot. Daniel is catching and McRae is pitching and playing left field when out of the box. The team is playing fast ball so far and are making a noise like a championship. Daniel is running the hundred, quarter and relay in track and Bare is high jumping. Bare, who also is the champion tennis player of the school, was recently elected president of the Tennis Association.

Blue and Main attended the Mu Iota installation with Rev. Hickok. Our faculty brothers, Hon. H. C. Crist and Lieut. W. H. Menges, are ably keeping up our standard among that august body, while the men themselves are doing us proud in the classrooms, one of them being an assistant instructor and two are officers in the college battalion.

We are, of course, constantly in touch with the Worthy Grand Chief, Rev. Hickok, and his excellent advice to us is always law.

L. W. St. John, Wesleyan's next year's coach, made us a visit while looking after the material for next year's team. Among the other recent visitors at the house have been Rev. Brown, of Vermillion; Osborne, of Georgia; Newberger, of Kentucky; Albert J. Horn, of Lorain, and many others.

CARL S. JACKSON.

OHIO BETA MU—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

"Is that the 'Varsity or the Alpha Tau team?" was a question overheard in the grandstand on the opening of Wooster's baseball season. There was reason in the girl's question, for the complexion of the team is decidedly Alpha Tauistic. Wilson Compton, Blaser, Meldrum, Herbert and Shontz, acknowledged the best college baseball pitcher in the State, are regular players, while Karl Compton, who is barred from playing by the three-year rule, acts as assistant coach and plays in games outside the Ohio conference. The financial end of the game is also cared for by an Alpha Tau, Paul C. Bunn. It is surely an unusual record for a single fraternity to receive five baseball letters in one year, and it is a record of which Beta Mu is justly proud.

That athletics is not all that Alpha Tau stands for, was shown in a

very interesting and unusual way rather recently. A faculty ruling here is that any man who shall have failed in any of his studies for the past semester, shall be denied the privileges of the fraternity house during the current semester. On account of this ruling, eight men are barred from one fraternity house, and two from each of the others, while Alpha Tau has the distinction of having not a single one kept out. Alpha Tau scholarship is held up as a model to delinquents here. Another fact of which we are proud is that of the three gentlemen who deliver orations on Commencement Day, two are Alpha Taus. Since the privilege of speaking is given to those whose standing in the class is highest, this means more than would appear at first glance. The two speakers are Bunn and Blankenhorn. Karl Compton also takes honors, although as a member of last year's class.

Moreover, we do not stop with scholarship and athletics only. Fortunate in the possession of an "Uncle George" Schwartz, we are able to entertain with dances, and have had five thus far this year. The girls certainly do appreciate bids to an Alpha Tau dance. Our annual drive is to come off May 1st, and we are anticipating a great time. We have two more dances scheduled before the end of the year.

Other lines of school activity are not without representatives from Alpha Tau Omega. Clarence Gee is president of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year. Robert Guinther is captain of the Sophomore Debating team. Herbert McIntosh, who returns next year, has been appointed as laboratory assistant in Biology. Robin Marquart is president of Ruskin literary society, and Herbert and Guinther are members of the newly organized college orchestra.

Arthur Compton, another of the Comptons who have done so much for Beta Mu, has just been pledged. He is a good one.

We are trying hard to reconcile ourselves to the fact that we shall lose nearly ten brothers next year. We shall give the plans of some of the outgoing brothers in the next issue. The fact that our number will be small at the first of the year does not discourage us, however, and we are already on the warpath, getting a line on the best men coming here next year, so that there is little reason to fear a lapse in the high standard which Beta Mu has always held up for herself.

ROBT. GUINThER.

OHIO BETA OMEGA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The chapter is very much chagrined over the absence of its letter to the *PALM* in the last issue and wishes to clear itself of the blame and disgrace thereof. The letter was mailed on January 28, but has not been heard of since, due to no fault of ours, and as we did not know of its absence from the *PALM* until it was delivered here, we were given no opportunity to send another copy. Hence its absence.

This chapter is prospering and every step we take is a forward one. We are watching as carefully as possible the scholarship of our men and by every means in our power are trying to keep them up in their work. To further this we have instituted what we call "University Day," every Wednesday (Convocation coming of that day), and at that time have one of the faculty take lunch with us. By this means we are becoming known to the faculty and we believe to be of good report.

Socially we are more than holding our own, having given a formal dancing party last term, several alumni smokers and a few affairs at the house. Plans are on foot at present for a picnic dance to be held just before Commencement. We are anticipating a visit from Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook in May, and are looking forward to his coming as one of the highest honors ever paid this chapter.

In athletics, our boys are winning honors. MacAfee secured his 'Varsity "O" in basketball and H. P. Allen is holding down third on the baseball team. Two of our men made the Freshman baseball team, and they will no doubt make the 'Varsity next year.

We are pleased to announce the initiation of the following men: Homer Crowe, of Columbus; W. C. Treat, of Aurora; John Eberle, of Columbus; Arthur Oachs, of Springfield, Minn.; Max McConnel, of Steubenville; Clell Solesher, of Jerry City; Harry Linch, of Steubenville, and Paul Scheidler, of St. Paris.

WM. R. TRIEM.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY MU IOTA—KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

We now have thirteen active members on our chapter roll. Two of the men left in the early spring, having secured positions. They were R. M. Hailey, who went to Springfield, Ill., and J. F. Chambers to Oklahoma. We expect to have Hailey back with us next year, but Chambers will receive his degree in June, having completed his work before leaving.

We have initiated into Alpha Tau Omega, since our installation, two of our old alumni, J. W. Norton, of Flemingsburg, Ky., and R. L. Schmid, of Louisville, Ky., both of whom are now holding good positions.

We are well represented in spring athletics this year by Fox and Ewan on track, neither of whom can be outclassed by any man in school, and by Daugherty in baseball.

There are three secret societies in school: the "Keys," which is the Sophomore society, and the "Mystic Thirteen" and "Lamp and Cross," which are the Junior and Senior societies, respectively. In choosing men for these societies, Alpha Tau, as usual, got her share of the honors, W. C. Fox being chosen for the "Lamp and Cross;" C. T. Daugherty, R. M. Hailey and W. A. Wallace for the "Mystic Thirteen," and C. R. Harned for the "Keys."

Our chapter is getting right into the spirit of Alpha Tau Omega. There will be three men to graduate in June, but we hope to "round in" more good material before the school year is over.

J. H. Voskeuhler, of Wis. Gamma Tau, was with us about two weeks ago, remaining here four or five days. During his stay he honored us with a short talk which was to the point, and we feel that it helped us very much. We certainly enjoyed his visit a great deal.

W. D. Weatherford, who is international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., also stayed with us a short time, and during his visit here, which was in the interest of the local Y. M. C. A., gave several good lectures to the student body. He also gave the chapter a good talk. We are always glad to have with us any visiting brothers and will try to give them, while they are here, some idea of true Alpha Tau and Ky. hospitality.

W. A. WALLACE.

TENN. ALPHA TAU—SOUTHWESTERN PRES. UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Tau entered the last term with twelve men, but soon had J. C. Stewart in our little circle. We now introduce him to the fraternity, knowing that he will receive such a welcome as only Alpha Taus can give.

Province Chief Jervey while with us recently, indorsed the card system for keeping a list of the members. This will be a great improvement over the old method and will soon be installed.

Thompson, of Washington Erving, and Gray, of Stewart Literary Society, are on the debating team of their respective societies. Thompson receives his A. M. this year. Cheek and W. Allen get their A. B. Cheek has been chosen faculty orator for Commencement. Under the management of Matthews the baseball team is kept in constant combat. In athletics, we will lose F. Allen next year. He is one of the best college twirlers in the South, the fastest man on the football team and strong in basketball.

O. W. BURCHGEN.

TENNESSEE BETA PI—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The distinctive feature of Beta Pi Chapter for 1908-1909 is the unvarying manner in which the men have attended the weekly assemblages, and the devotion and loyalty which has been manifested on all sides. Therein lies the success of any organization. This spirit has characterized every movement and act of the fraternity; there has been a certain unity of purpose and endeavor that has led to achievements this year far beyond the hopes of the most expectant. Many ideas have been advanced and acted upon during the past few months, among which is the proposed conclave to be held in Nashville next fall. In matter of importance and expectation this feature, in the minds of A. T.

O's of this section, is second only to the convention to be held in Atlanta in 1910. Already some preparations have been made in anticipation of the event, and with the official assistance of the local alumni it is hoped that our visiting brothers will be welcomed in a style befitting an A. T. O. It is proposed to stir up the spirit of those Alpha Taus in some of the larger cities of the State, such as Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville. Added to these will be members from the smaller towns of the vicinity, making the occasion one of pleasure and of love.

With only one or two exceptions the whole chapter will return to the University next fall; thus with an early start and a number of "veterans" on hand, even greater strides should be made during the next session than was its happy lot for the year just closing.

P. M. CANALE.

TENNESSEE OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Omegas have been stirred to new enthusiasm and greater efforts by the spirit showed by such of our alumni as Colmore, Percy and Johnson, who have recently visited this chapter.

The chapter house has been recently improved by the installation of a gas plant of which we have long been in need and which is due partly to the zeal of P. S. Brooks, Jr., '00.

We take pleasure in welcoming Hill, of Tennessee Pi, to attend the Medical College and strengthen our ranks.

On the *Cap and Gown*, Omega is ably represented by McGowan, W., and King, the former as Circulation Editor and the latter as Art Critic.

FRANK H. GAILOR.



Official Correspondence.

WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

Through the courtesy of our genial Editor, I am permitted to speak to you all at once. First of all I wish to express my profound appreciation of the great honor conferred on me by the fraternity in Congress assembled at Pittsburgh. It is no small distinction to be called upon to preside for a time over the interests of such a brotherhood as our own. And the one to whom such honor now has come is deeply aware of all that it involves.

It is far more than an honor, however. It is a direct and heavy responsibility. The few months in office have been enough to make me realize fully how great a task it is. But it is a service of love, indeed.

I believe all of us are anxious that the fraternity shall be more than a social organization. These ties of brotherly affection are precious. They meant much to us of the alumni during the college days, and none the less now that we are "out in the world." They are crowning with joy the present experiences of our active brothers. But not one of us would be content to have the fraternity's work stop with these pleasures. The very purpose of Alpha Tau Omega is to make every brother of greater worth to himself, his brothers, and every one else he touches.

This is an ideal we would do well to keep before us all the time. It is high. But it is the very genius of our well beloved fraternity. It is one of the first lessons we should try to have the new men learn. After his initiation, if this can be shown to a new brother, we have done more for him than any of us can estimate.

I desire to say how grateful I have been made by the many words of brotherly helpfulness and assurances of co-operation which have come to me from all over the fraternity. These have put iron in my blood. They are the strongest kind of encouragement. No man could be able to render any service worth the name unless his brothers in the fraternity were back of him, heart, hand, and soul. I ask nothing more than that I should merit such fraternal co-operation, and then that I should be privileged to receive it.

PAUL R. HICKOK.

That the lot of at least one fraternity magazine is not all roses is made plain by an announcement in the latest issue of the Delta Chi *Quarterly* to the effect that "the crisis in the history of the *Quarterly* was reached in November, when owing to the refusal of many alumni subscribers to respond to letters and bills sent out by us and by the fraternity, we were unable to publish the usual November issue. At present the *Quarterly* is not self-sustaining. There are outstanding subscriptions amounting to \$750. This money must be paid or the *Quarterly* will have to be either abandoned or subsidized by the fraternity. We sincerely hope that after this declaration alumni subscribers indebted to our magazine will recognize their obligations and settle their bills before the fraternity next meets in convention. If this is done the present management can retire in favor of others, leaving no debts unpaid and with much relief. To our successors, whoever they may be, we wish better luck than we have enjoyed." The fraternity met in national convention in Ithaca, N. Y., during the first three days of April.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

The Greek World.

By HENDREE P. SIMPSON, Associate Editor.

According to the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the fraternity's national secretary has been authorized to visit all the chapters (fifty-seven in number), and at the date of that journal's April issue, had completed his task with the exception of but eight yet to be seen.



Kappa Sigma on the same day, March 6, entered Washington State College and Washburn College (Kansas). The latter is claimed in the *Caduceus* to be the leading college in Kansas; founded by the Congregational denomination, it is now non-sectarian and has 750 students. "Of the forty or more colleges founded under similar auspices, only Dartmouth and Oberlin surpass Washburn in size of the student body as a whole, and only a few have more students who are candidates for the B. A. degree." Kappa Sigma has now seventy-seven chapters, and it leads the fraternity world in this respect.



Phi Delta Theta, by absorbing a local of about nine years' standing, entered Idaho University on December 31, of last year. The institution has 272 students at present, of whom a minority are women, and its total income for the next two years will be \$420,000. The *Scroll* gives it now two national fraternities, one local, and two local sororities.



There is a Pan-Hellenic society at Butte, Montana, and it gave its eighth annual dinner last December, at which there were

present fifty-one Greeks; there were not quite that many frats represented, it is said.

According to the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, the Pan-Hellenic Club, formed some two and a half years ago in Denver Colo., has been forced to disband, owing to lack of interest. The few remaining members have been taken into the Denver Athletic Club, where a Greek room has been fitted up with the various fraternity shields and college pennants.

A "first" Pan-Hellenic banquet was given in San Antonio, Texas, January 30th, and over one hundred Greeks attended, according to a local newspaper's report of it.

Also a "First Philippine Interfraternity Dinner" was given at Manila last February the 12th. Sixty-seven were present, and it was decided to form a permanent interfraternity association.



A peculiar and highly interesting incident has come to light through recent investigations by the *Phi Gamma Delta*, concerning its first chapter and the chapter's early initiates. It appears that the twenty-third signature to the original constitution was absolutely obliterated, and at various places in the first minute book kept one name had been carefully blotted out. As to who was "number twenty-three" long puzzled the fraternity's historians, and not until last summer did the name become known. A young fellow by the name of Hepburn had been initiated, and the indignation and consternation can be imagined when he later on became a Beta Theta Pi at the same institution. In a letter to a distant brother Phi Gamma Delta, one of the members at Jefferson wrote this:

The *Gamma* has, by order of the chapter, blotted out his name wherever it was to be found in the minute book. And he himself will hereafter be referred to by the members of the chapter only as an instance of what human nature is susceptible.

And another member, one of the founders, characterized the action in these indignant terms:

The villain of whom you spoke in your letter as having turned traitor to our association is the son of the Hon. Hepburn, of Carlisle, Penn. He

has fine talents, and is gentlemanly in his deportment, but at heart a perjured villain! The poor devil can't look one of us in the face—"a guilty conscience needs no accuser." We say nothing to him, or even about him except among ourselves. Let him go and do his worst, and may the frowns of hell be upon him.

As a sequel to the above the *Beta Theta Pi* for January comes to the defense of the one by the name in question, and the entertaining rejoinder is given below:

The subject of this picturesque language is dear old Doctor Hepburn, Rev. Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51, D. D., of Hampden-Sidney, LL. D., of the University of North Carolina, an eminent Presbyterian clergyman, at one time president of Davidson, and twice president of Miami, now professor emeritus of English literature at Miami, beloved by many generations of students, the father of Prof. Charles M. Hepburn, for many years editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. Dr. Hepburn has a singularly sweet disposition, fine manners and an even temperament, and if the founders of———couldn't get along with him they must have been a hard lot. The curses upon him did not stick. We never knew until we read the letter above referred to that the good doctor had been a member of———. In those days "lifting" was very common. It lasted until the publicity of the fraternity journal practically put a stop to it. But in the seventies and early eighties almost all the Betas at Wabash, Indiana, Ohio Wesleyan and DePauw were men who had been lifted from other fraternities. It wasn't the right thing to do and officially the fraternity frowned upon it, but it went on all the same. Happily, lifting has almost disappeared. We haven't heard of a case for two or three years, and we hope never to hear of another.

An interested friend wrote to Dr. Hepburn about the instance in which he was figuring, and in a letter dated January 13, 1909, at Santa Monica, California, he replies and says:

I regret that I have nothing of any value to relate in reference to the Phi Gamma. I did join some "secret soicety," as we called them in those days, at Jefferson College a few months after I entered college. I never attended a meeting after my initiation, and withdrew from the society. My reasons were purely personal, not worth while mentioning, as they concern only my relations to one student whom I found was a member.

The matter I regarded at the time as one of no moment, and it had been forgotten until your note recalled it.

It is gratifying to hear of the prosperity of Miami. I hope the legislature will give you liberal appropriations. Give my kindest regards to my friends.

Yours truly,

A. D. HEPBURN.

Finally, the writer in the *Phi Gamma Delta* closes the interesting and peculiar results of his investigations by saying:

The "hard lot" that the Hepburn of sixty years ago swore allegiance to were youths who afterward were known as Bishop William E. McLaren; the brilliant Confederate colonel and statesman, T. W. B. Crews; the Hon. John Pemmington; Judge Cyrus Pershing; the Hon. James Logan; the celebrated scientist, James Woodrow; the well-known Presbyterian minister, Dr. Daniel Hall, and others of like ilk. * * * Sixty years have now gone since one Hepburn took off the diamond of Phi Gamma Delta, but if Beta Theta Pi will pass its loving cup around, Fijis everywhere will drink to the health of the present Andrew D. Hepburn. May he live long and prosper.



At the sixth general convention of the National Religious Education Association in Chicago on February 10-12, an S. A. E. delegate offered these resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, This is the first national meeting of any Educational Association where the question of the college fraternity has had a prominent and conspicuous place in its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, There are gathered here the representatives of seventeen of the great national fraternities; and

WHEREAS, There are many phases of fraternity economics which we believe are of a kindred character in all the Greek-letter fraternities and could be adjusted by well defined principles applicable to all; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this national conference that a Pan-Hellenic union of all Greek-letter fraternities is expedient and advisable; and be it further

Resolved, That steps should be taken at once to bring about such a union, and that the organization under whose auspices this gathering is assembled shall be requested to take such action as may be deemed advisable to accomplish such a result.

This subject came up for general discussion at the conference: "The College Fraternity as a Factor in the Moral and Religious Life of Students," and the speakers on the program were Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, of New York; Dean Thomas A. Clark, of the University of Illinois; President Guy Potter Benton, of Miami University; Professor Ernest H. Lindley, of Indiana University, and Professor William A. Scott, of the University of Wisconsin.

The December Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* is a pre-convention number. Under the head of Chapter Letters we notice a letter from the chapter at the Virginia Military Institute, an institution that is supposed to prohibit fraternities.—*April Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Our "confrere" hasn't read his reviews carefully. The "letter" so called, was an alumnus "personal" item, under the head of alumni news, concerning a member of the old mother chapter at Virginia Military Institute.



The PALM is not the only one that says misinformation is now and then given to the public. Here is what one of our sorority journals says about it and we guess that the *Shield* should now be convinced:

"The *Shield* not only has the largest circulation of any college fraternity journal, but it is the only college fraternity journal that is an annual source of revenue to the general fraternity." This paragraph is taken from the annual report of the National Secretary of Phi Kappa Psi. It requires correction. The PALM is an annual source of substantial revenue to Alpha Tau Omega. In fact, the PALM's earnings for Alpha Tau Omega during 1907, far exceeded those made for Phi Kappa Psi by the *Shield* during the period of the above report.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

We agree with the PALM that the quotation from Phi Kappa Psi is comfortably filled with misinformation. The *Shield* is one of the smallest fraternity journals published, containing fifty to seventy pages. The *Trident* has been doubled in size the past three years and now contains from 155 to 170 pages. In spite of this it has been an "annual source of revenue to the general fraternity," paying a salary to the editor and a sum to the endowment fund each year. We can not say as to the circulation, not knowing the circulation of the *Shield*.—*Trident of Delta Delta Delta*.



The 45th annual convention of Theta Xi, the engineering fraternity, was held with its Cornell chapter on February 19 and 20. Representatives of all of its eleven chapters were present, and a petition for a charter from a club at Iowa State College was granted. Judging from the amount of business transacted at this convention this fraternity either doesn't take itself seriously enough or else is not large and complex enough to bother much about such a matter-of-fact convention feature.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* in its February issue announced that the Theta Delts' 61st annual convention would be held in Boston, February 20-23. Contrary to the PALM's wishes and advice the *Shield* has changed editors, Mr. E. Van Winkle giving way to Mr. J. R. Lynes. Our best wishes to the latter, and here is hoping that he will do the good work along editorial and managerial lines that the former begun during his all too short tenure of office!



Not until the past year (1908) was the large fortune bequeathed by Mrs. Newcomb unconditionally turned over to the college. The acquisition of this sum has made Newcomb the richest woman's college in the world, and has at last given it the means to enlarge its campus and buildings to adequately meet its needs.—*Agalia of Phi Mu.*



NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Co-education at Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., was abolished at a special meeting here to-day of the trustees of that institution. The action was taken after a prolonged discussion and is the result of the long continued opposition of the male undergraduates of the institution. A proposition to establish a separate college for women was referred to a special committee.

The text of the resolution on co-education, which was adopted by an almost unanimous vote, is as follows:

"Resolved, That no woman be admitted to Wesleyan University in any class later than that entering in the year 1909; but nothing in this action shall be construed as in any way conflicting with the rights and privileges of any woman who may be or become a member of that class or of any previous class."

The above notice has not been unexpected, but is a source of much sorrow to the girls of Sigma chapter of Delta Delta Delta, both active and non-active members. Wesleyan is and always has been practically a men's school. The men students have wished it to be so, and since the admission of women have done all in their power to make co-education unpopular. Co-education is not popular anywhere in the East, so it has not been difficult to accomplish this. To a visitor from the middle west, where "co-education" is the only education possible, and where the men are most considerate and friendly, the attitude of the men at Wesleyan toward the women students seems most rude and discourteous. They outnumber the women in enrollment about ten to one, there being but thirty women enrolled this year. In view of the feeling existing, it is a wise thing to abolish co-education, and this will doubtless mean the establishment of a separate co-ordinate college for women.—*Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*

The latest freak organization is a "fraternity" (!) for flunkers,, bearing the name of Kappa Beta Phi, which is a reversal of the name of the scholarship order, Phi Beta Kappa. Organized at Washington University, it has established itself in a second Missouri school and at Ohio Wesleyan. Several applications are before the head or heads of the thing for "charters;" really, we do not see the need of applying to anybody for permission to organize in these cases; one would not think that the original "flunkers" would be jealous over the little matter of the appropriation of their name by anybody or anything.



Two weeks previous to the rushing season Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was "pulled" by the general fraternity. The Thetas will keep their house, however, and become a local sorority under their old name, Kappa Sigma.—*Albion Correspondence, Delta Tau Delta Rainbow.*

Kappa Alpha Theta entered Missouri State University in February, where it has been preceded by two national sororities and where there are 555 women students. This figure must give Missouri State about the largest female attendance of any of the co-educational institutions.



Dr. Eliot, one of the foremost authorities in America on higher education, has presented his resignation to the authorities of Harvard University. Dr. Eliot will be long remembered as the author of the so-called elective system of college education.

The above, wandering through different fraternity publications, needs correcting, and in our mind there is no doubt but that Dr. Eliot never claimed the honor of being the author of this system. Either the University of Virginia or old William and Mary College created it, and the former institution has long been believed by every authority on the subject to have been entitled to the honor from time almost immemorial; but a writer and a trustee of William and Mary college, in a fairly recent number of *Collier's*, claims that Virginia and Jefferson borrowed the idea and system from the older institution. Copies of letters were given and certain facts stated, which substantiated his claim according to the best recollection of the associate editor.

The following is from the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*. At a Sigma Chi banquet last November at Cincinnati, George Ade, a member of the fraternity from Purdue, was one of the speakers and he had been on a train that day with Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, a Delta Kappa Epsilon from DePauw. Discussing youthful hardships, Senator Beveridge said he had to work his way through college, while Mr. Ade said he had to "work" his father all through college. Senator Beveridge said he had been graduated two years before he had earned enough money at practicing law to buy a suit of evening clothes. Mr. Ade confessed he had waited five years before he found a tailor who had that much confidence in him. Senator Beveridge said: "It is better to struggle and be hard up in a little western school than to be a pampered child of luxury in a big eastern institution." Mr. Ade replied:

I told him that I had never been pampered in any eastern institution—I was dead willing to be, but never could bring my parents to my point of view; but I did agree with him that it is a great privilege to be hard up at some small western school. It is tough for the time being, but it is great to sit around and tell about it twenty years later, especially after you have had about \$8 worth of food with plenty of mustard on it. We agreed that the brightest young men in America to-day—that is, young men anywhere from 42 to 46 years old—were those who had received their training in the smaller colleges of the middle west—say the colleges of Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, or some adjoining state.

We used to envy college men of the east, but that day is past. They attend mere colleges. Out here we have nothing but universities. We now have at Purdue everything they have at Harvard except the sound of "a" as in father. In fact the only trouble with college life in the middle west to-day is that under the operation of a protective policy of a grand old party whose name I shall not mention, prosperity has been disseminated in such overwhelming quantities that we no longer have the young man who has to milk a cow in order to pay for his degree. I see before me undergraduates in evening clothes. Probably some of them own banjos and mandolins. My heart bleeds for these young men. What will they find to brag about when they come to Sig banquets twenty years from now? Do they get board for \$2.50 a week and do their own laundry work? When I was in college, instead of a palatial frat house, we had a hall over a butcher shop, with a coffin and a deck of cards as furniture. We are being ruined by prosperity and there doesn't seem to be any way of heading it off. Inasmuch as many of us got out of college before the fraternity houses, the good clothes, the athletic spirit, and the other big features of college life began to arrive, the only way for us to get even is to blow about simple life and self-sacrifice and Spartan frugality.



Editorial.

THETA NU EPSILON.

There seems to be some misapprehension concerning the legislation enacted at Pittsburgh in regard to membership of Alpha Taus in Theta Nu Epsilon. Inasmuch as the printed minutes, in the nature of things, reaches only a small percentage of the brethren, it has seemed wise to say that membership in Theta Nu Epsilon is absolutely prohibited. The active chapters have no option. They can not give permission to their members to join Theta Nu Epsilon. They can make no regulations whatsoever—the Congress has made one regulation and that governs every chapter of the fraternity.

There is no call for a justification of this measure. The college and fraternity world is fairly well agreed that Theta Nu Epsilon fills no legitimate place and, at best, represents only what reputable fraternities have always striven to eradicate from the Greek system. Born in iniquity its course has been counter to all that is good in the Greek world and its final dissolution is awaited with more anxiety than patience.

There is only one fault with the Congressional ordinance. It should have been wider and broader. It should have been drawn so as to include professional fraternities. Professional fraternity men have assured us that the college fraternity man is of little use to them. At any rate, a divided allegiance is never a whole-souled devotion. Other college fraternities have long ago seen the vice of dual membership and have wisely prohibited it. Alpha Tau Omega can not afford to linger in the rear.

THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

With commendable promptness Brother Claude S. Wilson, the Worthy Grand Scribe, has issued the printed proceedings of the Pittsburgh Congress. The volume is a pamphlet of some 200 pages and constitutes at once an excellent epitome of two years' endeavors and a clear expose of the proceedings of the Congress. This year's volume is unusually succinct, and the actions of the Congress are so set forth that it is possible to learn what transpired without wading through a maze of reported speeches and arguments. Brother Wilson deserves great credit, not only for the promptness in which he issued the book, but also for the very clear manner by which he has reported the proceedings.

We have often wished that every alumnus could be supplied with a copy of the minutes. Indeed, we believe that the minutes should constitute a separate number of the PALM and should be mailed to every alumnus. The increased cost would be very slight compared to the vast benefits to be attained. Possibly, some future Congress will decide to publish its minutes in the suggested manner. In the meantime we suggest that interested brethren apply to Brother Wilson for a copy. He will be glad to send it while the supply lasts. He may be addressed at Montgomery Block, Lincoln, Nebraska.



THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

There is an unusually large number of chapters that have failed to send us letters for this number. The recreant chapters have been fined the usual amount.

We are not foolish enough to imagine that anything we may say on this subject will have any great weight with the young men who compose our chapters. Long ago we discovered that the editorial page of the PALM was regarded as a hostage to conventionality—nothing more. But we do propose to record the confession that we have lost our patience. If the present management has attempted anything it was the effort to induce every chapter to send a letter for each PALM and to send it promptly. The results prove that our efforts have been in vain.

Let us explain. Early in April each chapter was requested to have its quarterly PALM letter in our hands by May 1. *On that date ten chapters had responded.* The form containing the PALM letters was sent to press on May 8—delayed eight days by reason of the failure of the chapters to send letters promptly—and on that date the letters herein published had been received. Had we waited until all the letters were received the number could not possibly have been published before June 15—and, perhaps, not even then—after most of our colleges are closed for the summer.

The negligent chapters have been fined. Very often we have relieved chapters of their fines. In this instance, not a single fine will be remitted. There is no conceivable reason that would move us to remit the fine. Of course, an appeal from our decision lies to the High Council. We doubt whether that body will remit the fine. At any rate the remission must be done by another body—we will not.

We are discouraged. It might be well to remind the fraternity that just as long as its active chapters are, with impunity, allowed to frustrate the efforts of its officers, busy men who are making sacrifices in their service of Alpha Tau Omega, just that long will it be impossible to secure the united interest of our alumni, generally, in the work of the fraternity. Con the list of the alumni who were once active in the work of advancing Alpha Tau Omega interests, who served upon her committees, who filled her offices, who performed her onerous and exacting requirements, and who are now conspicuous for their deep and prolonged silence and inactivity. Press them for an explanation. Invariably, they answer that they could not stand for the failure of active chapters to manifest anything like a decent appreciation of their services, that they could not do adequate justice either to themselves or the fraternity without the co-operation of the active chapters, which aid, assistance, appreciation, was cruelly denied them. And just as long as each chapter is allowed to be a law unto itself, just as long as discipline is not meted out in a manner that will impress the recreant, just that long will the work of the fraternity be embarrassed and its able alumni will extend their energies on objects more likely to appreciate their efforts.

Of course, the inevitable answer to all this is that the present management is unreasonable, or that its head is a martinet, or that the PALM can not expect boys to act like men. But we are not so minded. Is it unreasonable to enforce a law made by the chapters themselves? Is it acting the martinet role to insist that men do what they are obliged to do by law? Is it too much to expect even boys to send a 300-word letter to a designated office once in three months? (If so, why is it that the Wisconsin "boys" never fail, that the New England "boys" always present a solid phalanx?) We think not, and we trust that some of the good brethren who occasionally protest against the tirades—as they call them—appearing in these pages will calmly consider the facts before condemning an officer whose unpardonable sin consists in an overabundant zeal in executing the manifold duties of his position.

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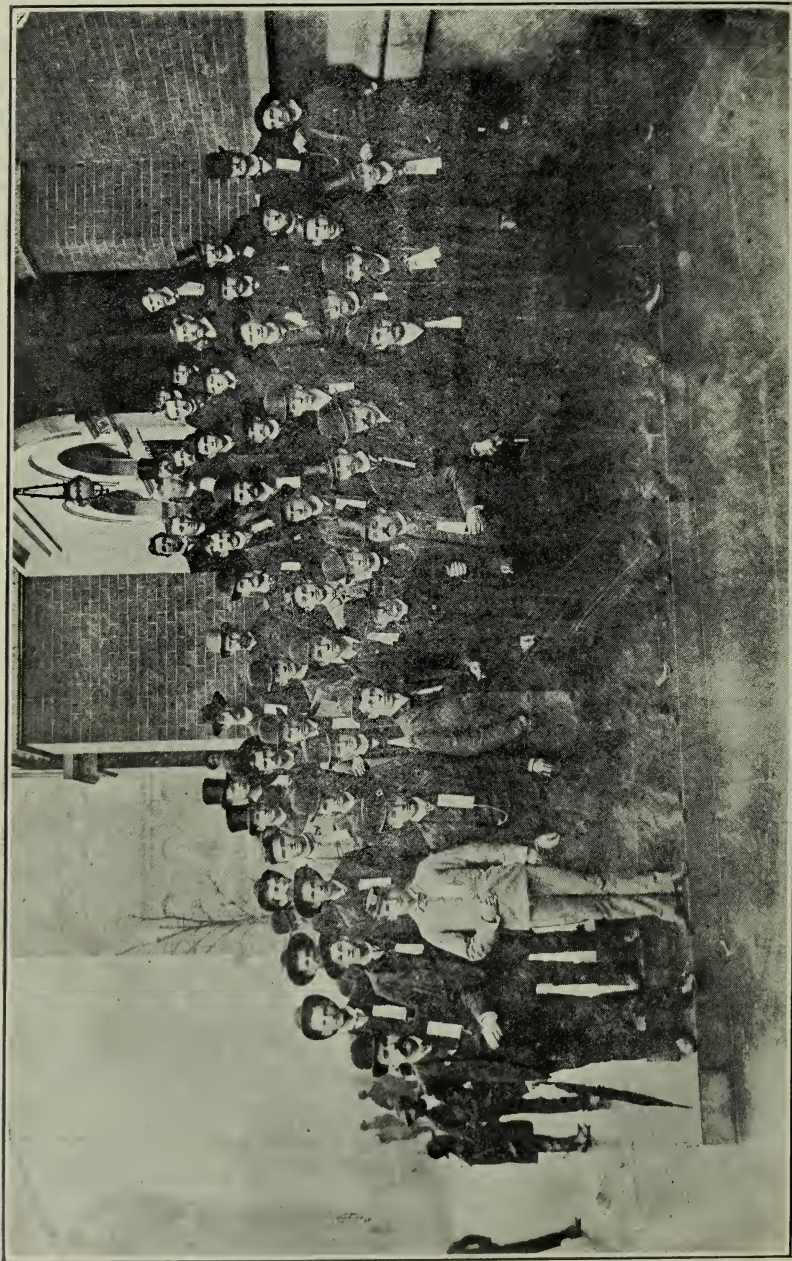


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THE FRATERNITY IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY.*

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MY ONLY accurate knowledge of fraternities is that gained from my association with fraternities and fraternity men at the University of Illinois, and in what I say I shall be forced to confine my observations to that institution, believing that it is, after all, a normal illustration of what the fraternity is or may be in all state universities.

The fraternity came into the University of Illinois rather early in the history of that institution, but it did not flourish, and it soon fell decidedly under the ban of the college authorities. In 1881 fraternities were banished, and all students were prohibited, on penalty of expulsion, from connecting themselves in any way with a college secret organization. When I entered the university in 1885, I was forced to sign an agreement that I would not, during my college course, join such an organization, and before I received my diploma, I made a statement upon my honor that I had kept this agreement. This condition of affairs continued until 1891, when, with the coming of a new administration, the ban was taken off fraternities, and they were allowed to reorganize.

Since that time the fraternity has had a phenomenal development at the university. There are now at the institution sixteen chapters which live in their own or rented houses, and there are also fully a dozen local organizations or clubs which, for the

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purposes of this discussion are the same as fraternities, since they hope some day to secure charters. The total number of members is about 600. The majority of these societies have been organized within the last ten years. This rapid development of the fraternity has come not so much from a desire for fraternal or social relations on the part of members as from the peculiar local situation. Conditions of living are not ideal in a small place, and men have come to see that by forming a fraternity or a club they can live with more freedom and comfort, and at little additional expense, than when they are scattered about in private houses. The fraternity has, therefore, often had its origin as a sort of glorified boarding club. It is the effort of the students to make a real home.

At the University of Illinois I am pretty well acquainted with all of these numerous organizations, and I know practically every individual in each. From this knowledge I am bound to say that, on the whole, I approve strongly of them. Their internal organization is commendable. There are in each one upper classmen who take seriously the obligation to look after the younger men, to see that order and discipline are maintained, and that standards of scholarship are upheld. Each organization has a sensible and definite set of house rules which it seriously attempts to enforce. These rules include regulations with regard to order, study, and general conduct. I quote from a set which was handed me only a few days ago, and which I think is typical of the rules generally found.

"1. Silence is to be observed in the house after 7.00 P. M. each evening except Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

"2. No loud or boisterous talking, profanity, or unbecoming conduct allowed in the house at any time.

"3. No intoxicating liquor, drinking, drunkenness, or gambling permitted in the house by members on pain of expulsion."

I believe our organizations without exception prohibit the bringing of intoxicating liquors into the house, and I feel sure that the rule is generally observed. Even men who drink recognize the danger of bringing intoxicants into the house.

Practically all of the fraternities, also, have scholarship committees composed of upper classmen whose business it is to "strengthen the feeble knees" especially of the under classmen, but also all who are intellectually or morally shaky. I have enjoyed the frankest and closest relationship with these men. We talk to each other with the greatest freedom, and we aid each other in every way possible. I have never found it difficult to get any reasonable thing done in the organizations through these men. Often they say to me, "You tell us what you would like, and we will see that it is done."

The scholarship of fraternity men with us is about average. Though the fraternities contain a good percentage of honor men, they also have a number of men whose scholastic standing is low. Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, and our honorary senior societies all have a creditable representation of fraternity men. It is hardly reasonable to expect, however, that the fraternity man be more than an average student. His interests are generally more numerous, and the calls upon his time more frequent than those of his non-fraternity brother. He is often in athletics, he leads a more active social life, he is more frequently in politics, and is generally identified with every college activity. These things may in themselves be good, but they take time, they reduce the number of hours which may be given to study, and in the end they must bring down the general average of scholarship. Personally, I am not sure that this fact is one always to be deplored. Much as I believe in high scholarship, I believe, also, that general efficiency is to be encouraged.

Perhaps the weakest part of fraternity life at the University of Illinois is the intemperate social activity which it induces. This is, however, one of the results of co-education which may very naturally be expected. If college men and women are to live together, it ought not to be looked on as objectionable if they come to enjoy each other's society. But too often this enjoyment becomes too marked and exclusive. I never lose an opportunity to say to our fraternity men that they are likely to be far more profited by cultivating their acquaintanceship with the men of the university than with the women. There are too many parties, and the fraternity men as a whole confine their

attentions too completely to a limited number of young women. The number of parties which each individual organization gives in the course of a year is not large, but the total number is considerable, and makes the social duties of a few more onerous than is conducive to the best scholastic results. I see no way to remedy this evil, except through personal influence upon the individual, and the encouragement of gatherings composed exclusively of men. With us these gatherings have taken the form of smokers which, of course, many people find objection to. The social relations between fraternity and non-fraternity men have always been satisfactory. I was talking of this matter only a few days ago with one of our non-fraternity men who is perhaps the most active leader in college. He said, "The fraternity men at Illinois are a class more democratic than the non-fraternity men; they are neither clannish nor snobs. All have men who work." His opinion is worth a good deal, for he was a candidate last year in a college political campaign which brought out the votes of sixteen hundred men. Fraternity men, and those not belonging to such organizations, enjoy the most cordial relations with each other and mingle in the class room, on the campus, and in class and college contests in the most friendly manner.

The methods employed in rushing and pledging men are not altogether good. The man is sized up and pledged too quickly, without giving the members of the organization a chance to know him thoroughly, or the man a chance to show his real self. Too much emphasis is placed upon his appearance and upon the standing of his family in the community from which he comes, and too little attention is given to him personally. Letters of recommendation from alumni are not to be depended upon, for they are too often based upon the social relations of the writer with the man's older sister, or upon business relations with his father or with some near relative, and very seldom come from any definite knowledge of the man himself.

Our fraternities have suffered, also, from their preference for men from large cities over those from the smaller country places. The city boy is too frequently wise to the ways of the world; he gets experience young, and it is not always of a character to benefit him. He is likely to come to college with the idea that

there is little for him to learn, and not much for him to do. He may be good looking and wear his clothes well, but he often knows a good deal that is unhealthful. Other things being equal, the boy from the moderate sized town is the safest asset.

In their relations with the university authorities, I have always found the fraternity man entirely willing to come half way. As a college disciplinary officer, I long ago discovered that men in a fraternity are more easily gotten at, and more easily influenced, than similar men outside. The reason is apparent. If a man is in an organization it is not only possible to get at him personally, but one may enlist as helpers all the other men in the organization. If a man is in an organization, the facts about him are more easily obtained, his strong points are more readily discovered, and his weaknesses more easily corrected. I have usually found it easy to enlist the hearty co-operation of fraternity men in any worthy enterprise which I have proposed. In the management and correction of their men, especially of lower classmen, who may have been neglecting their work, or developing objectionable habits, I have not only found the greatest willingness to help when I have gone to members, but they have shown quite as complete a willingness to come to me and ask me to help them, as I have evinced in going to them. Very few days pass without some fraternity man's coming to me and enlisting my help in bringing up the scholarship, or correcting the morals of the recreant brother. Only a few weeks ago, when there seemed rather imminent danger of too enthusiastic a celebration after an important athletic victory, I called up a few prominent fraternity men, and asked them if they would not look after the matter, and see to it that the hilarity was kept within bounds of order, and the affair which might have terminated disastrously was directed along sane lines, and controlled without leadership. In the many troubles which have come to me as a disciplinary officer I have been helped more than I can express by the co-operation of the fraternities. I should be in a quandary far more often than I now am if it were not for my reliance upon their help.

I am often asked as to the moral life of fraternity men. Fathers and mothers are anxious to know something of the influences to which their sons will be subjected if they go into

fraternities. From my experience, I should say that a young man at the University of Illinois is often safer, morally, if he goes into a fraternity than he would otherwise be, and he is seldom if ever in a more dangerous situation. The young man is at the most critical age when he leaves home for college. New and powerful temptations have only begun to present themselves to him, and it takes high principles and strength of will to resist them. Freedom of choice is his usually for the first time, and is often one of the most valuable privileges of his college life. Without some direction or guiding hand, however, he is likely to make a good many mistakes which might have been avoided by a word from an older fellow. In the fraternity, the student is at least made acquainted with high ideals and strict moral principles, and better than these theories, perhaps, he is given the direction and subject to the control of older men with saner judgment and broader experience. In the fraternity it is the upper classmen—the older men—who rule, and I do not know a single organization which does not contain steady, reliable, high-principled seniors and juniors, whose influence over the freshmen is salutary. On the whole, I consider the moral tone of the fraternities somewhat above the average of that of the general student body.

With us the fraternity men have not allied themselves generally with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. I think that this fact is an unfortunate one, but I do not believe that the condition is likely soon to be changed. It is true that the general secretary of the Association and some prominent members of the cabinet are members of fraternities, and the president is a member of a club of recognized standing; still the members of the fraternities and other organizations stay out of the Christian Association. Perhaps, this situation results from the character of the men themselves, and it perhaps comes partly from tradition. The fraternity man, besides showing evidences of good character, must give some indication of refinement, of careful social training and experience, of having come from good family or of being able to talk and dress well. None of these characteristics except the first is absolutely necessary for membership in the Young Men's Christian Association, though there are many members, of course, who have all of them. The relations, therefore, between

fraternity men and the Association are not always so close as is desired, and the fraternity man is not prominently in evidence in the control and management of the Association. Too often the fraternity man thinks the Association man crude and narrow, and the Association man thinks the fraternity man careless, morally, and so the two do not come together.

The general opinion is that fraternity men do not go to church so regularly or so frequently as those not belonging to such organizations. I am not sure that this fact has ever been established, but even if it has been, I do not believe that it proves the fraternity man less religious than the non-fraternity man. For many men the church and its organizations furnish the only social life with which they are acquainted. They go to church not solely for religious inspiration, but quite as much for social intercourse. Their church attendance is like funerals and revival meetings in a country community—it furnishes the chief source of their social amusement. With the fraternity man this is not true. His social life is almost entirely outside of the church. He does not go to church so much for social relaxation as for religious inspiration, and for the development of his higher life. My observations on the various congregations of which I have been a member have led me to the conclusion that fraternity men do pretty generally attend church.

I have had one other rather interesting opportunity to judge of the religious life of fraternity men, and that is in the conduct of Bible classes for the Young Men's Christian Association. Last year I conducted one class of non-fraternity men at the Association House, and one class at a fraternity house. This year I am conducting a class each Sunday evening at two different houses. About two-thirds of the fraternities and clubs are this year having such classes at their houses. In comparing the two classes which I taught last year, I was surprised to find that the fraternity men took the most interest, expressed themselves most freely and frankly, and attended with the greatest regularity. It must, of course, be remembered that the fraternity men meet in their own homes, while the men who met at the Association House had often to come some distance. At the two classes which I conduct this year, practically every member of the fraternities is present

each evening. They sometimes show that they have studied the assignment, they are interested in the discussions, and they seem in most cases seriously interested in religious matters. The experience has been a very satisfactory one to me, and has given me a higher regard for the religious life of these fraternity men than I might otherwise have had. I am sure, also, that my experience has been similar to that of other men in the university who are doing this sort of work. The solution of the problem of the fraternity man and the church is largely a social rather than a religious one. It is the sort of problem with which almost every minister at one time or another finds himself confronted—the problem of bringing together young people of widely differing social training and tastes. It may be argued that the differences in colleges are slight—so slight in fact that they might very well be ignored. This is all true, but the admission in no way removes the difficulty or solves the problem. They are as slight as the class distinctions between freshmen and sophomores, but any one who has had to do with college discipline will know that most of the trouble which is conjured up in colleges comes from a failure on the part of some thoughtless freshman to respect these distinctions.

The fraternity situation in the state university, as I see it, is in no way a critical one. I believe that the organization has been a benefit to the individual members and to the institution. It has interested itself in good scholarship, has helped materially in maintaining discipline, and has raised social standards. That there are evils connected with fraternities I am willing to admit. The methods of choosing and pledging members are not ideal; the organizations are likely to tend somewhat to clannishness and over-exclusiveness; too strong an emphasis is put upon social life and social prestige; and there is sometimes a tendency for members to live beyond their means. These evils, however, it seems to me quite possible to correct. I do not believe that improvement in conditions will come so much through restrictive legislation and faculty action as through other means. Faculty regulations are to the college student much the same as the proverbial red rag to the angry bull. So far as young people can be allowed to direct their own actions, to make their own rules,

discipline will be simplified and college officers will be relieved of responsibility and trouble. Personally I have very seldom in college found rules of any great advantage in bringing about reforms or of correcting evils. They are quite as likely to arouse antagonism as to mend matters. To my mind the less faculty legislation there is, the better.

Whatever corrective measures the fraternities can be induced to take on their own initiative is so much gained. The cultivation on the part of college officers of frank, friendly relations with individual fraternity men, the calling together for conference of representative men from each of the organizations, will be found of the greatest service. College men are for the most part sensible and reasonable, and I have seldom found it impossible to have the fraternity men themselves do the things that ought to be done. Only recently a member of an intrafraternity organization came in to see me to talk fraternity matters. "We have the opinion," he said, "that you don't approve of us, and of the way we conduct our organization. We'd like to know how we can improve, and we wish you'd come and talk to us." It will not be hard to manage that organization. Co-operation, personal suggestion, will do much to correct existing evils.

In theory, I believe that alumni members of the faculty can do much to help their individual chapters. In reality, I think they are often utterly useless as regards knowledge of their chapter and influence in it. They have the readiest approach to the men, but lack of time or interest seems usually to prevent their taking advantage of their opportunities. They have, with us, in only a few instances been of much service.

The creation of a Pan-Hellenic council seems to me to be another help in the solution of difficulties and in the correction of evils. To be effective, action among the fraternities must be concerted. Little is gained if action does not extend to all the organizations in an institution. In accomplishing this result a Pan-Hellenic council is desirable.

I believe that fraternities at the University of Illinois have justified themselves. The men at the head of them are always reasonable and open to suggestion. Their relation with my own office is always frank and helpful. I believe that, though there

are some things about the organizations that I should wish eliminated, these are relatively slight or unimportant. In the main, the fraternity is an organization that makes for warm friendships, social training, good scholarship, and high ideals. I believe that the admission of fraternities has been for us a good thing.—*Alumni Quarterly* of the University of Illinois, April, 1909.

At the request of the fraternities, President Schurman of Cornell recently addressed the university public on "The University and the Fraternities." After stating his belief in fraternities, and his desire on account of that belief to point out existing evils, with a view of remedying them, Dr. Schurman continued:

If fraternities are to prosper in the university you must find some way of getting more work done; the intellectual life must be quickened. One evil of the fraternity system is the tendency to divide into groups. To me nothing seems worse than to see on the one hand a centre of men in comfortable, and sometimes palatial houses, while on the other are the great number of poorer students. Beware of the development of a class system or caste spirit that gives rise to rivalry between fraternities and independents or among the fraternities themselves.

Guard against competing to have a larger and more luxurious house than any other on the campus. It is not easy for men to work when their main purpose is to live in fine houses, to have a good time and to give what is left to the professors. The university does not exist for that. The percentage of students forced to leave college each year is larger in fraternities than outside. Now and then you hear of a house being not merely desolated but even emptied. That makes the fraternity system and its enjoyments hardly worth while. I believe that the greatest danger to you is the temptation to avert work, but unless you study and learn to cultivate the intellectual life and maintain a high standard of morals you will lose in the end.

I am greatly in favor of fraternities and have on many occasions defended them here at Cornell. It is because I believe in them that I want you to know the evils that exist, that you may stop them.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

THE FRATERNITY SITUATION AT WISCONSIN.

BY THE action of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin are to be investigated by the Board of Regents, the report of the investigation to be presented at the session of the legislature two years hence. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Culbertson, a graduate of the university with the class of '92. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta, and of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

The resolutions offered were in full as follows:

"Whereas, certain students of the University of Wisconsin have banded themselves into fraternal organizations known as Greek-letter fraternities and Greek-letter sororities;

"Whereas, such organizations have had a tendency wherever they have existed in this country to form cliques and social classes anti-democratic in tendency;

"Whereas, while we recognize that the university is as democratic as any university in the country, yet, evidence is not wanting of a tendency toward a class distinction growing out of the conditions surrounding fraternity life;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring that the Board of Regents of the university be requested to investigate the situation in the fraternities and sororities with reference to remedying the above tendency, and also with reference to the substitution therefor of some better system of student organization, and to report the result of such investigations with recommendations to the legislature at their next regular session."

Mr. Culbertson, in his speech in support of the resolutions, stated that, although the fraternities had their good sides, no one could deny that they fostered aristocracy. When asked, immediately after the passing of the resolutions, what plan he would suggest as a substitute for the present system, he replied that honorary societies, in which either scholarship or athletic prowess was the basis of admission, would take the place of the

present system. He believes that when the report of the regents is submitted to the legislature two years hence, it will result in the abolition of fraternities at Wisconsin.

The whole movement is aimed at the aristocratic tendency of the fraternities and sororities as evidenced chiefly in social affairs, and it will be this which will be the issue when the report of the regents is submitted. Such a radical move as the abolition of fraternities and sororities is not greatly feared among Greek-letter men and women, but a rigid regulation of them is assured. Wisconsin is the first state to take up such an idea and the movement will be watched with great interest by the residents of this and neighboring states, for the fraternity system at Wisconsin will undergo a great change within the next two years.

The university is beginning with the completion of Lathrop Hall, to enter upon a gigantic dormitory system upon which the future of the fraternities at this school are in no small degree dependent. The plan is to add one new dormitory each year until all the students are thus housed. This may mean the abolition of the fraternity house. Should the faculty decree that freshmen and sophomores must live in dormitories the chapter house proposition would assume a very different aspect. Since the evils of fraternities have chiefly been laid to the chapter house, it is probable that they will be the first to go.

It can generally be assumed, especially in small schools, that where the fraternity spirit is strong the school spirit is weak and vica versa. In a school like Wisconsin, this is not true. The fraternity spirit is strong, which accounts for the flourishing condition of all Wisconsin chapters, but the percentage of fraternity men is so small (only about 12 per cent.) that the school spirit has not suffered. As a matter of fact the fraternities have supplied more than their share of school spirit, as can be seen from numerous examples.

The opposition to fraternities is stronger outside of Madison than it is at the university itself. The Wisconsin Union, which aims to bring together at a common meeting place all the students of the university, is headed by a fraternity man. The social clubs of the university are made up of fraternity and non-fraternity men. In fact, the fraternity men have taken the first steps

toward a more democratic relationship. A strong point has been made of the growing social tendency of fraternities. Fraternity parties are not nearly as numerous as those given by dancing clubs, and these parties are well attended by both "frat" and "non-frat" men who mix on equal terms. A leading "non-frat" man made the remark that fraternity men were more democratic than non-fraternity men, and this sums up the situation in a few words. When the friendly advances of the fraternity man are misinterpreted by his unfraternal schoolmate and repulsed, a breach is created which is the beginning of an aloofness called aristocracy.

It is hoped that the legislature will see the wisdom of evolution and the folly of revolution. The seeds of a more democratic relationship must be sown by the fraternities, and the work done in the past gives promise of greater things in the future.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

At the second biennial convention of Pi Kappa Alpha, held in New Orleans in April, "the territorial limitation was removed from the constitution and the chartering of the chapters was left to the discretion of the Supreme Council." This means that Pi Kappa Alpha has ceased to be a Southern fraternity in name and will probably cease to be one in chapters, leaving Kappa Alpha the only distinctive Southern fraternity. The convention also districted the fraternity and appointed a committee to report on a revision of the ritual at the national convention to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1911.—*Kappa Sigma Caduceus*.

SOME ALPHA TAUS OF NOTE.

A PROMINENT magazine publishes in every edition a list of "great" and "near-great." The deeds of the great are brought out prominently to us through the medium of the press or our own PALM. But there is a large body of our alumni whose work in the world has been no less noteworthy, but with whose names the fraternity at large is not well acquainted. A supplemental list is here published of some of the younger men of note who have come prominently before the public by reason of their efficient, capable work.

THOMPSON, HUGH S. Graduate of South Carolina College. Ex-Governor of South Carolina; Comptroller of the New York Life Insurance Co. Deceased.

McELROY, GEORGE B. Professor of Mathematics at Adrian College since 1866; rated as the third best mathematician in America; the oldest member of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church. Died, 1908.

THOMAS, D. O. Graduate of Union University, B. A.; B. L. Member Tennessee State Senate; State Prison Commission; Attorney General of Tennessee; Judge of Circuit Court. Deceased.

RENICK, EDWARD I. Graduate of Roanoke College, B. L. Chief of Bureau of Statistics, U. S. State Department, 1883-4, Chief Clerk, 1894-8. Died in 1900.

SAYRE, ANTHONY D. Graduate of Roanoke College; B. L., Vanderbilt University. Ex-member Alabama State Legislature; author of Sayre Election Bill; ex-president Alabama State Senate; now Judge of City Court. Residence, Montgomery, Ala.

FAISON, WALTER E. Graduate of V. M. I. Captain Corps of Cadets, V. M. I.; B. L., University of Virginia; Clerk of State Department, 1888-93; appointed Chief of Consular Bureau, 1893; appointed Solicitor for the State Department, 1893. Died, 1897.

- LAMAR, WILLIAM H. Graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute; LL. B., LL. M., Georgetown University. With the Greeley Expedition, 1883; ex-member of Maryland State Legislature; Captain Signal Corps, U. S. V., during Spanish-American War; Editor, Rockville, Md.; now in Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.
- KOLLOCK, CHARLES W. Graduate of V. M. I.; M. D., University of Pennsylvania. Member of Board of Health, Charleston, S. C.; ex-member City Council; Mayor *pro tem*, 1901; Lieutenant Colonel First Regiment, S. C. Cavalry; Dean of Charleston Medical College.
- MILLER, HUGH LEE. Ph. B., University of North Carolina. Professor of Chemistry at North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College; Chemist Navassa Guano Works; Division Superintendent Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.; member Society of Chemical Industry of London; member Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. Died, 1902.
- JAMES, JOHN GARLAND. Graduate of V. M. I. Ex-superintendent Texas Military Institute; ex-president Texas A. and M. College; ex-member Board of Visitors, U. S. Naval Academy; author of "Southern Selections;" Cashier Farmers' Bank, Roff, Okla.
- DINWIDDIE, H. H. Graduate of V. M. I. Assistant professor, V. M. I.; professor, Texas Military Institute; president of Texas A. and M. College; author of text-books. Deceased.
- HAMILTON, ALEXANDER. Graduate of V. M. I.; B. L., Washington and Lee. Assistant professor, V. M. I.; member Board of Visitors, V. M. I.; member of Virginia Constitutional Convention, 1901-2; president Atlantic Coast Line Railway; bank president, Petersburg, Va.
- TAYLOR, ZACHARY. Graduate of V. M. I.; B. L., Cumberland University. State senator; postmaster of Covington, Tenn.; ex-member U. S. House of Representatives; life insurance broker, Memphis, Tenn.
- BROOKE, RICHARD N., artist and critic. Graduate of V. M. I. Assistant professor, V. M. I.; ex-U. S. Consul at New Rochelle, France. Deceased.

- NELSON, ROBERT E. Graduate of V. M. I.; C. E., University of Virginia. Assistant professor, V. M. I.; professor, University of the South; Maryland Agricultural College; Maryland Naval Academy; civil engineer in assessor's office, Washington, D. C.
- BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE, lawyer. Graduate of V. M. I.; B. L., University of Virginia. Judge of Circuit Court of West Virginia; attorney-at-law, Weston, W. Va.
- FORD, JAMES L. Graduate of V. M. I. Assistant professor, V. M. I.; principal Danville Female Seminary; Chairman Ways and Means Committee, St. Louis (Mo.) Board of Education; wholesale grocery and brokerage, Kansas City and St. Louis. Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
- LETCHER, SAMUEL HOUSTON. Graduate of V. M. I. Ex-president Board of Visitors, V. M. I.; ex-member Virginia Senate; judge 18th Circuit Court of Virginia; attorney-at-law, Lexington, Va.
- WALLER, ROBERT ALEXANDER. Graduate of Washington and Lee University. Vice-president World's Columbian Exposition, 1893; City Comptroller, Chicago, Ill.; member Civil Service Commission; member of twelve social and athletic clubs; real estate and insurance broker, Chicago, Ill. Died in 1899.
- GADSDEN, EDWARD M. Graduate of Washington and Lee University. Chief of Money Order Division, Post Office Department; organized and introduced the postal money order system in the United States and Cuba. Died, 1900.
- GOLDSBY, JOEL W. Graduate of Washington and Lee University; B. L., University of Virginia. President of Alabama State Senate; attorney-at-law, Mobile, Ala.
- CAMPBELL, HENRY D. Graduate of Washington and Lee University; Ph. D., Heidelberg, Germany. Professor of Chemistry, Geology and Minerology at Washington and Lee University.
- BARRETT, EDWARD W. Graduate of Washington and Lee University. Journalist; special correspondent during China-Japan War; proprietor and editor of *Age-Herald*, Birmingham, Ala.

- ANDERSON, GEORGE B. Graduate of Washington and Lee University. Ex-U. S. Consul to Brazil; now U. S. Consul at Antiqua, West Indies.
- MARSHALL, JAMES W. Graduate of Roanoke College. Ex-member of Virginia State Legislature and Senate; member Virginia Constitutional Convention, 1901-2; Presidential elector, 1888; ex-member U. S. House of Representatives; attorney-at-law, New Castle, Va.
- MALONE, JAMES H. Graduate Cumberland University, LL. B., 1876. Ex-president State Bar Association; mayor of Memphis, Tenn.; attorney-at-law.
- FITZPATRICK, ROBERT H. Graduate of Cumberland University, LL. B., 1892. Ex-member Tennessee State Legislature; ex-speaker of State Legislature; ex-member U. S. House of Representatives; attorney-at-law, Hartsville, Tenn.
- TURK, WILLIAM A. Educated at Roanoke College, Va. Passenger Traffic Manager of Southern Railroad; President of American Passenger Agents' Association. Deceased.
- GRIFFIN, THOMAS D. Educated at Roanoke College and U. S. Naval Academy. Commander on board U. S. S. Brooklyn during the battle of Santiago, Spanish-American War; naval officer.
- CAMPBELL, ROBERT B. Graduate of Roanoke College. Ex-member Mississippi State Legislature; member Mississippi Constitutional Convention, 1880; appointed by the State to codify the State's laws; attorney-at-law, Columbus, Miss.
- KIMBALL, J. H. Graduate of Kentucky Military Institute. Commandant and adjutant of Corps of Cadets; ex-member U. S. House of Representatives; planter, Mooresville, Ala.
- PHELAN, JAMES. Graduate of Kentucky Military Institute; Ph. D., University of Leipzig, Germany. Author; ex-member U. S. House of Representatives. Died, 1891.
- NICHOLSON, BLAKE B. Graduate of Trinity College; B. L., University of Virginia. Professor of Political Science at Trinity College, 1893; ex-member North Carolina State Legislature; attorney-at-law, Washington, N. C.

- PORTLOCK, WILLIAM N. Graduate of Bethel Academy; B. L., University of Virginia. Member of Virginia Constitutional Convention, 1901-2; judge of First Circuit Court of Virginia; attorney-at-law, Norfolk, Va.
- FITTS, WILLIAM C. Graduate of Southern Presbyterian University; B. L., University of Alabama. Attorney General of Alabama, 1894-8; delegate to Alabama Constitutional Convention, 1901; attorney-at-law, Mobile, Ala.
- PRICE, ANDREW B. Graduate of Cumberland University and Washington University, St. Louis. Delegate to Democratic National Convention, 1888; member U. S. House of Representatives, 1889-95.
- HAPPEL, THOMAS J. Graduate of Southern University, 1873; M. D., University of Virginia; M. D., University of City of New York. Ex-president of American Medical Society; physician, Trenton, Tenn.
- BROWN, EDWARD N. Graduate of Alabama Polytechnic. Connected with the National Railways of Mexico since 1885; recently appointed president at a salary of \$100,000 per year.
- POLK, RUFUS K. Graduate of Lehigh University, M. E. Enlisted as First Lieutenant of 12th Pa. Infantry in Spanish-American War; General Manager of North Branch Steel Co. and Danville Bessemer Iron Co.; member U. S. House of Representatives. Died, March, 1902.
- MORRIS, JAMES CRAILS. A. M., University of the South; LL. B., University of Louisville. Dean of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Memphis, Tenn.
- SINGERLEY, WILLIAM M. Graduate of University of Pennsylvania. Proprietor and editor of *Philadelphia Record*; minority candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, 1894. Died, 1897.
- ATKINSON, SAMUEL C. Graduate of University of Georgia. Ex-Judge of City Court; Associate Justice of Supreme Court of Georgia; attorney-at-law.
- WILKINSON, THEODORE S. Graduate of Washington and Lee University. Owner of extensive sugar plantations; president of Levee Commission of Paquenunes Parish, Ala.; member U. S. House of Representatives, 1889-93.

HARMAN, HARRY E. Graduate of Pennsylvania College. Author of "Living Writers of the South" and "Poets and Poetry of South Carolina;" president of Cotton Publishing Co., Atlanta, Ga.

RUFFIN, STERLING, M. D. Graduate of Columbian University. Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine, Columbian University; member Board of U. S. Pension Examiners for District of Columbia.

ACKLEN, JOSEPH H. LL. B., Cumberland University; graduate of two foreign universities. Owner of extensive sugar plantations; member U. S. House of Representatives.

AVERY, ISAAC E. Attended Trinity College, N. C. Local editor *Charlotte Observer*; ex-U. S. Consul to Shanghai, China.

MCLELLAN, THOMAS C. Graduate of University of Alabama, Associate Justice Supreme Court of Alabama.

WILLIAMS, ROBERT LEE. Graduate of Southern University. First Governor of Indian Territory.

ANDERSON, W. S. Judge of Circuit Court of Alabama.

REESE, WARREN S. Judge of Circuit Court of Alabama.

PEARSON, WALTER W. Judge of Superior Court of Alabama.

BENNETT, JOSEPH W. Judge of Superior Court of Georgia.

WATSON, GEORGE I. Judge of Probate Court of North Carolina.

LONG, BENJAMIN F. Judge of Superior Court of North Carolina.

MASON, JOHN E. Judge of Circuit Court of Virginia.

NORTON, JAMES K. M. Judge of Corporation Court of Virginia.

MORRIS, GEORGE W. Judge of Corporation Court of Virginia and member of State Senate.

DILLON, DAVID F. Judge of District Court of Massachusetts.

NORTH, WALTER H. Judge of Circuit Court of Michigan.

ROBERTS, ELIAS E. Judge of Court of Common Pleas of Ohio.

HEISKELL, FREDERICK N. Judge of Court of Chancery of Tennessee.

WALLACE, WILLIS R. Judge of Circuit Court of Texas. Deceased.

RILEY, HENRY C. Judge of Circuit Court of Missouri.

- PUCKETTE, CHARLES M. A. M., University of the South. President of West Georgia A. and M. College.
- CHANDLER, SAMUEL E. A. B., A. M., B. D., Southwestern Presbyterian University. President of Baker College.
- MCDONALD, HARRY T. A. B., A. M., Hillsdale College. President of Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
- CURTIS, NATHANIEL C. Ph. B., University of North Carolina. Dean of College of Letters, University of North Carolina.
- CROOK, HENRY M. Graduate of Wooster University. President of Albany College, Oregon.
- TUPPER, FREDERICK, JR., A. B., A. M., Ph. D. Professor of English, University of Vermont.
- FORD, ROBERT DALE, B. S. Professor of Mathematics, St. Lawrence University.
- CREIGHTON, JAMES E., A. B., Ph. D. Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, Cornell University.
- COGHILL, GEORGE E., A. B., M. S., Ph. D. Professor of Biology, University of the Pacific.
- NANTS, WILLIAM B., A. M. Ph. D. Professor of Latin, University of the South.
- PAGE, FREDERICK M., Ph. D. Professor of Modern Languages, Bryn Mawr; Professor of Modern Languages, University of Pennsylvania. Deceased.
- CHEATHAM,, WILLIAM H., A. B., Ph. D. Professor of Medicine, University of Louisville.
- TURNER, EDWARD KIMBROUGH, A. B., M. A. Ph. D., Halle University, Germany. Professor of Greek, Southern University, Ala.
- WADDELL, FRANCIS A., A. M., C. E., M. D. Professor at Washington and Lee University; now practicing physician, Cheraw, S. C.
- HAMMOND, JASON E. State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Michigan, 1897-01; private secretary to Auditor General of Michigan.
- THOMPSON, CARMI. Ph. B., LL. B., Ohio State University. Secretary of State of Ohio.

- PERCY, CHARLES B., C. E., M. E., B. L. Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University; now consulting engineer, Mobile, Ala.
- MALONE, JAMES H. LL. B., Cumberland University. Ex-president of Tennessee State Bar Association; mayor of Memphis, Tenn.
- YOST, ALFRED J. M. D., University of Pennsylvania. Ex-corumner of Lehigh County; mayor of Allentown, Pa. Deceased.
- CRAWFORD, GEORGE C. President Tennessee Railroad Coal and Iron Co.
- BAILEY, GUY. Graduate of University of Vermont. Secretary of State of Vermont.
- BINGHAM, ROBERT W. Mayor of Louisville, Ky.
- WEATHERFORD, WILLIS D. International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.
- HARWOOD, GEORGE A. Chief Engineer of N. Y. C. and H. R. Railroad.
- SIMPSON, JAMES. President of the Bank of San Antonio, Tex.
- WOODS, JOHN E. Assistant General Manager of Carnegie Steel Co.
- ZEIGLER, CHARLES E. Author of Pennsylvania German Poems.
- RICK, WILLIAM. Mayor of Reading, Pa.
- HOLT, JOHN H., B. S., LL. B., LL. M. Patent Attorney.
- MCCAW, WALTER D., M. D. Major and Surgeon, U. S. A.
- DREW, FRANK. Railroad President, Tampa, Fla.
- MELTON, LAWSON D. U. S. Marshal of South Carolina.
- BREINIG, RICHARD S. Assistant Engineer of U. P. Railway.
- MCELROY, GEORGE W. Lieutenant Commander at U. S. Navy Yard, Puget Sound.
- CLEWIS, A. C. President Exchange National Bank, Tampa, Fla.
- EVANS, JOHN M. Chief Inspector of Erection of the new East River Bridge, New York.
- DARROW, M. S. Chief Engineer of Price River Irrigation Project, Utah.

COOMBS, J. PARKER. Operatic Singer.

EASTMAN, HORACE. Consulting Engineer, Boston, Mass.

METZGER, ALBERT E. President German-American Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

LOMBARD, GERVAIS. Chief Engineer of New Orleans Levee Board.

HARVEY, GEORGE R. Chief Engineer of Electric Zone Improvement of the New York Central.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

The legislators of New Jersey are planning to change the old historic Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., into a state university. Rutgers at present is supported by the state but is almost entirely a classical institution. As the first step toward a larger institution the state has set aside \$100,000 for the new engineering building to be erected at once. The fraternities to profit by this newer movement are Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and one strong local organization. With a long line of illustrious alumni and the addition of university courses Rutgers has a splendid future to inspire her.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

With the recent entrance of Sigma Nu into Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Sigma Nu shares with Beta Theta Pi the distinction of maintaining chapters in both Reserve and the Case School of Science. These splendid colleges are practically occupying the same campus.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

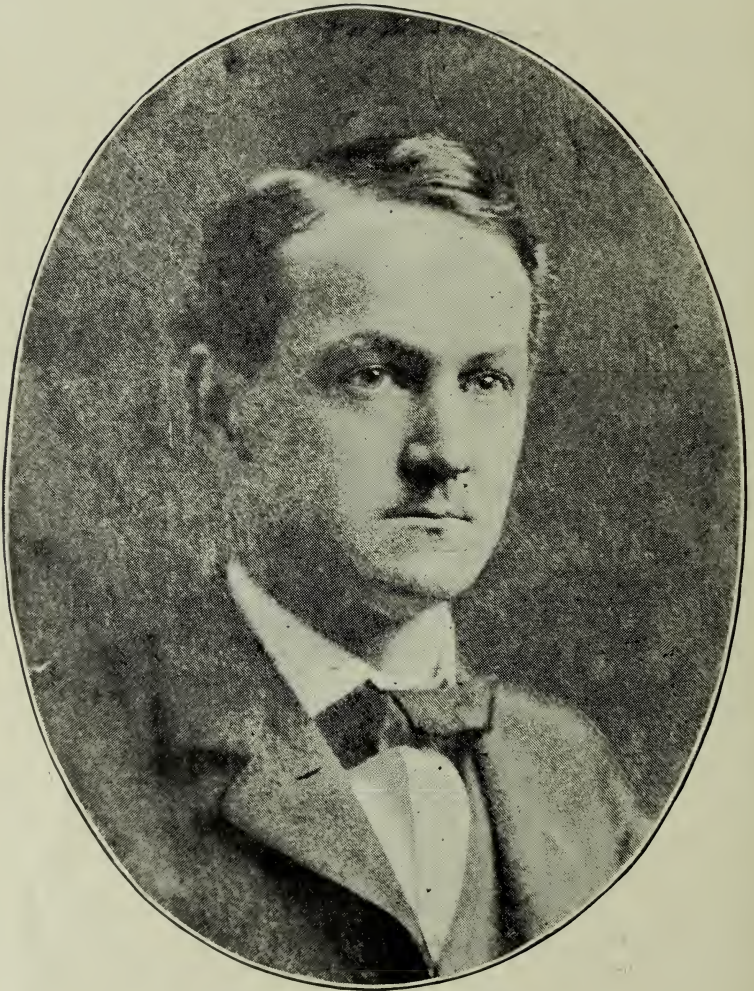
The Delaware legislature has passed a law exempting fraternities from paying taxes on chapter houses. The only college for white men in Delaware is the state college, Newark. The fraternities there are Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Phi Sigma (local). The latter owns a \$7,000 house.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

ALPHA TAUS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

X—JOEL WINSTON GOLDSBY (Virginia Beta).

FEW men in Alabama can point to a more distinguished ancestry than that of Joel Walker Winston Goldsby. On his mother's side the line begins with Isaac Winston, who settled in Hanover County, Virginia, about 1703, he being one of the three grandsons of the first Isaac Winston, born in Yorkshire, England, in 1620. The Winstons have always been strongly identified with the welfare of the new country to which they had emigrated. One of the sons of Isaac Winston, the emigrant, is said to be the only soldier of the Revolutionary War, buried in Alabama. His daughter, Sarah, was the mother of Patrick Henry. Anthony Winston, great-great-great-grandfather of Joel Goldsby, was a delegate to the Virginia Convention of 1775, which voted to own the colony, and served as captain in the Revolutionary War. Four of his sons and two of his sons-in-law served in the Creek Indian War under Gen. Andrew Jackson, in a company of rangers, which they themselves had raised. John Anthony Winston, grandfather of Mr. Goldsby, served in the lower and upper houses of the Alabama legislature and was the first native governor of the state, being elected for two terms. He served in the Confederate army as colonel of the Eighth Alabama Infantry and had command of a brigade under Gen. McGruder. In 1867 he was elected to the U. S. Senate, but was not permitted to take his seat. The father of Mr. Goldsby was a planter near Selina, Ala., before the war. He was captain and subsequently lieutenant-colonel of the Fourth Alabama Infantry, in the Civil War, serving throughout the war and winning his promotion to lieutenant-colonel for gallantry at the first battle of Bull Run. He married Mary Agnes Winston, who is the mother of Joel Walker Winston Goldsby.

The boy, Joel, was born in Selina, Ala., November 24th, 1862. His early education was obtained under Col. Joseph W. Taylor,



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at Eutaw, Ala., and afterwards continued at Lausanne, Switzerland, and Hanover, Germany. His college education was obtained at Washington and Lee University, which was supplemented by a course in the summer law school at the University of Virginia. While at Washington and Lee, he became a member of the Beta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. He continued his study of the law in the office of his brother, John A. Goldsby. Since being admitted to the bar he has successfully practiced law in Mobile. He has served the Democratic party in various county, congressional and state conventions and is at present a member of the Democratic Executive Committee for the First Alabama Congressional District. He was a member of the lower house of the Alabama Legislature, 1892-93; he represented the Thirty-third District in the State Senate, 1900-01, and was president *pro tem* of the Senate in 1903. While president *pro tem* of the State Senate he attained considerable distinction by his assertion that the president *pro tem*, and not the lieutenant-governor, should appoint all committees, whether standing or otherwise. His claim was based on the grounds that the lieutenant-governor represents the executive and not the legislative department of the government, and the theory of our government is that they should be independent of each other in the law-making function, except in being checks upon each other. He was sustained in this position and during his term of office appointed all the committees. When the U. S. Census was taken in 1900, he was appointed supervisor for the first district of Alabama. For about seven years he was an active member of the State militia, as a member of the Mobile Cadets, and of the Mobile Rifles. He is an Elk.

On October 7th, 1885, he married Agnes Reid White, whose father, James Jones White, led a company of cadets from Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), in the Civil War, and was on the staffs of "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee. Afterwards he was acting president of Washington and Lee University for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Goldsby have six children, three of which are boys who will some day strengthen the ranks of Alpha Tau Omega.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.



In Memoriam.

BARKER GILLIS CATES,

(Maine Gamma Alpha.)

Initiated, 1908; Died, May 22, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

JOHN WORTH McALISTER,

(North Carolina Alpha Delta.)

Born, 1874; Initiated, 1893; Died, June 6, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

BENJAMIN LAWTON WIGGINS,

(Tennessee Omega.)

Born, 1861; Initiated, 1878;

Died, June 14, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

FREDERICK VICTOR JOHNSTON,

(Michigan Beta Lambda.)

Initiated, 1905; Died, June 14, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

WILKINS BENOIST SHIELDS,

(Tennessee Omega.)

Born, 1883; Died, August 15, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

JOHN W. McALISTER.

John Worth McAlister died shortly before midnight last night at the Twin-City Hospital, failing to rally from an operation for appendicitis performed Sunday morning. He was so suddenly stricken, having been taken ill only last Friday morning, that his death has been an inexpressible shock to his many friends and acquaintances here. His young wife and two children, Adelaide and John Worth McAlister, Jr., survive him.

Mr. McAlister was descended from families long distinguished in this State. He was the second son of Col. and Mrs. A. C. McAlister, of Asheboro, where he was born April 12, 1874. He prepared for college at Bingham School and later taught there for two years following his graduation from the State University in 1895. For some time he was secretary of the Worth Cotton Mills, coming to Winston-Salem three years ago and has been in insurance and real estate brokerage here. He had many warm friends in this city as well as throughout the State. Four brothers also survive him: Messrs. A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro; J. S. McAlister, of Spray; C. C. and T. F. McAlister, of Fayetteville, and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Carson, of Charlotte, and Miss May McAlister, of Asheboro.

Mr. McAlister was married several years ago to Miss Margaret Hines, daughter of the late Archibald Hines, of Mount Airy, and granddaughter of the late Judge J. F. Graves.

The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian Church of Winston to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—*Winston-Salem Observer*.

Resolutions.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove from our midst our dear brother, Benjamin Lawton Wiggins, vice-chancellor of the University of the South;

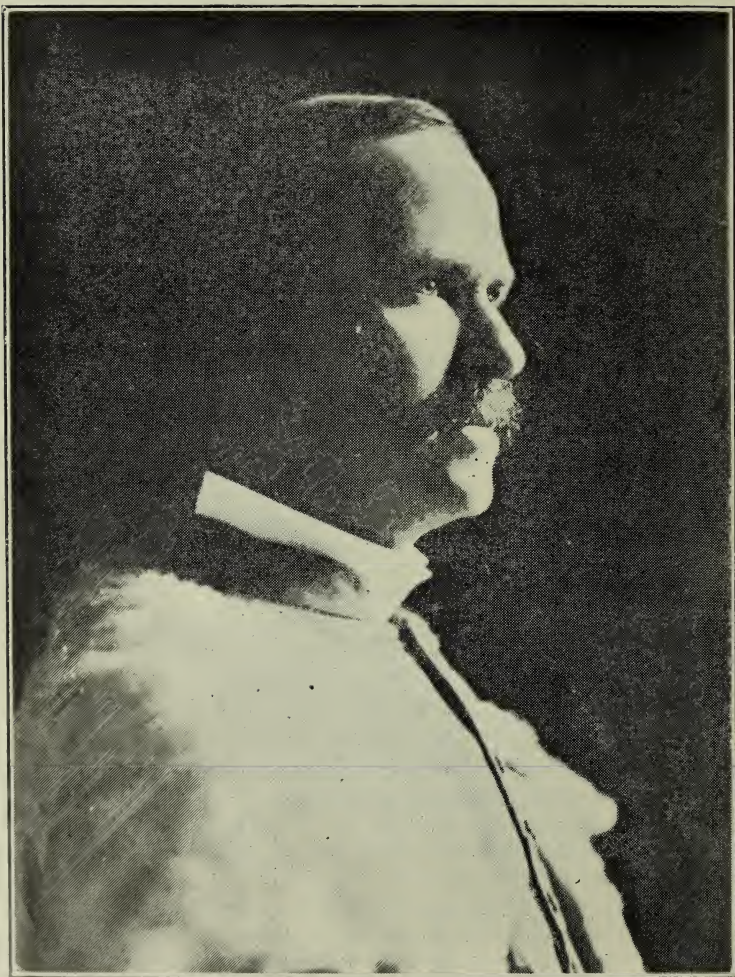
Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Wiggins, Alpha Tau Omega has lost a loyal brother and a true friend and the Church and Commonwealth a loyal and devoted servant;

Resolved, That Tennessee Omega extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of our brother in its sad bereavement;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Dr. Wiggins, a copy be published in THE ALPHA TAU OMEGA PALM, and that a copy be placed upon the minutes of Tennessee Omega.

FRANK H. GAILOR,
JOHN E. PUCKETTE,
JOHN P. KING,

Committee.



BENJAMIN LAWTON WIGGINS.

BENJAMIN L. WIGGINS.

Benjamin Lawton Wiggins, vice-chancellor of the University of the South and one of the most prominent educators in the country, died very suddenly at his home here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. His death was a shock to the members of his family and his associates in the university, for, although he had been complaining for some time, it was quite unexpected. It was due to heart disease from which he had been a sufferer for many years, and was superinduced by the strain and worry entailed by his onerous duties as vice-chancellor. He exercised a personal supervision over all of the important affairs of the institution and therefore led a very strenuous life. His ailment was so aggravated during the last month of his life that he was confined to his home, but continued to give his attention to the affairs of the institution, and despite his condition he continued to be an indefatigable worker. He was subject to acute attacks and suffered one of these about 9 o'clock last night while conversing with a party of his associates, but he was resting quietly to-day and it was not thought that he was in any immediate danger. The suddenness of his death rendered the shock occasioned by it especially severe.

The death of Vice-Chancellor Wiggins creates a vacancy in the university which it will be difficult to fill and the cause of Southern education suffers a distinct loss. His educational career was a brilliant one and his reputation was not confined to the South. He was not merely a student of books, but also of men and affairs, his interests being very broad. He devoted much study to conditions prevailing in the South, taking a deep interest in public affairs, and he had the distinction of being one of President Roosevelt's principal advisers in regard to Southern questions, being frequently consulted by the president.

Benjamin Lawton Wiggins was born at Sand Ridge, S. C., September 11, 1861, the son of James W. and Elizabeth Bower (Mellard) Wiggins. His father was a planter of English descent. Benjamin was educated at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., and at the University of the South, where he graduated in 1880. He received from the latter institution the degree of M. A. in 1882, and became by courtesy, a fellow of Johns Hopkins University in 1883. He held the chair of first assistant to the chair of ancient languages in the University of the South in 1880-81, and then was made professor of ancient languages. He became vice-chancellor of the university in 1893, succeeding Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, the present chancellor of the university.

Prof. Wiggins specialized at Johns Hopkins University under Prof. Gildersleeve in Greek language and literature, gaining distinction by his proficiency in these studies.

Appreciating his scholarly attainments, Trinity College conferred on him the degree of LL. D., in 1899; St. Johns College took similar action in 1902, and the University of South Carolina in 1905.

Prof. Wiggins was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and took an active interest in the order, in which he was very prominent, being highly regarded for his familiarity with the ritual of the order and his observance of its rules. He was also a prominent churchman, taking a deep interest in ecclesiastical affairs. For fifteen years he was registrar of the Episcopal diocese of Tennessee and during that long period represented the diocese in the general Episcopal convention.

He was a member of many learned societies, including the American Philological Society, in which he was especially prominent. He was regarded as one of the ablest students of ancient Greek in this country, being considered an authority on this subject.

In 1886 Prof. Wiggins married Miss Clara Quintard, a daughter of the late Bishop Quintard. He is survived by his wife and three children, two daughters, Miss Catherine and Miss Elizabeth, aged respectively, 21 and 17 years, and one son, Quintard Wiggins, who is at present in Mexico. He is 19 years of age.—*Nashville News*.

It is with the deepest sense of personal loss that the writer of this, as an alumnus of the University of the South, records the death of Vice-Chancellor Benjamin Lawton Wiggins, M. A., LL. D., which occurred on the afternoon of June 14, 1909, at his home, Fulford Hall, at Sewanee, Tenn. His end, which was very sudden and due to heart failure, occurred at almost the same moment when the board of trustees, in annual session in the university buildings just across the street from his home, had voted him a year's vacation for travel, to improve his health, and supplemented it with a donation of a thousand dollars as a tribute of appreciation.

For a year past everyone connected with Sewanee had known that Dr. Wiggins was suffering with some heart affection, but it was not regarded as of a serious nature; and then he was comparatively a young man—only forty-eight when he died—so it was hoped that with rest and travel he would soon improve. But to a nature like Dr. Wiggins' it was impossible to rest while there was work to be done. He fully gave his energies, his health, his life itself for his beloved alma mater. And Sewanee, I am sure, will never forget his name. When the history of the University of the South is written, along with the names of Bishops Elliott, Polk and Otey, with Bishop Quintard, the second founder of the university, with General Kirby-Smith, General Shoup and Dr. DuBose, will be found the name of Vice-Chancellor Wiggins; and this is most proper, for in recent years no man has done so much for the university.

As a student at Sewanee, he showed wonderful aptitude for ancient languages, and this, after his graduation in 1882, led, finally, to his selection as professor of Latin and Greek. In 1893, he was elected to succeed Bishop Gailor as vice-chancellor of the university.

Not only was Dr. Wiggins a ripe scholar, but he possessed great

executive and business ability. These traits were of the greatest assistance to Sewanee in her recent great development.

Upon the announcement of his death all the usual festivities incident to commencement week were abandoned, and the students voted to wear crepe, not only out of respect for their official head, but also for their friend. On commencement day proper, aside from the simple conferring of the degrees, the day was devoted to a memorial service to Dr. Wiggins.

The funeral services took place at St. Augustine's University chapel, on June 16, and among those who took part were Bishop Gailor, of Tennessee (chancellor of the university); Bishop Nelson, of Atlanta; Bishop Reese, of Georgia; Bishop Beckwith, of Alabama; Bishop Bratton, of Mississippi; Bishop Woodcock, of Kentucky; Bishop Guerry, of South Carolina; Bishop Weed, of Florida, and Bishop Gray, of Southern Florida.

Dr. Wiggins is survived by a widow, who was the daughter of Rt. Rev. Charles Todd Quintard, late Bishop of Tennessee, and a son and two daughters.

A leading Southern daily, in commenting upon his death, said: "He has gone at that period in life when men in scholarly pursuits usually develop their highest attainments, and when the years of his greatest usefulness appeared to be at hand." In his death the whole South has suffered, for no man labored more zealously for her mental advancement. But his loss will be felt most of all at Sewanee, where his work, in one sense, is ended, though his inspiration will last for all time. Upon his monument might well be engraved the motto of the University of the South, "Ecce quam bonum." C. P. C.—*Southern Churchman*.

WILKINS BENOIST SHIELDS.

Wilkins Benoist Shields, who was for a number of years assistant to Walter D. Coles, referee in bankruptcy at St. Louis, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning on the plantation owned by his father, Dr. Bisland Shields, near Natchez, Miss., according to a telegram received by his St. Louis friends. His death followed an illness of several years.

Mr. Shields was a native of Virginia. In 1901 he was married to Miss Mazyck Wilson, daughter of Mrs. S. B. Wilson, who is also a Virginian by birth, and a niece of St. Julien Wilson, the present state road commissioner of Virginia. He was a graduate of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., and was considered by friends here, one of the most promising young attorneys of the St. Louis bar. As assistant to Mr. Coles, he had charge of all the records and routine of the referee's business, and made a host of friends.

He was active in church work, a prominent member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and treasurer of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church for a number of years, besides acting in various trust capacities for several local benefit organizations.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

The Alumni.

A. T. O. IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Founder Glazebrook delivered the Memorial Day oration at Belvidere, N. J. The Belvidere *Opollo* declares it the best oration ever heard there and says:

The oration by the Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, chaplain of the Zouaves, at the unveiling of the cannon, was a masterly effort, and elicited enthusiastic applause from the thousands who listened with the greatest delight to the golden words which poured from his silver tongue. His portrayal of the "American Soldier" was listened to with wrapt attention, his great audience giving evidence of the great joy they had in hearing him by marked manifestations of approval. Dr. Glazebrook's words of living light will ever linger in the memory of those who heard him.



The Los Angeles (Cal.) *Daily Times* has the following concerning the marriage of Founder Ross and Madame Ida Hancock. The fraternity extends congratulations and best wishes:

Madame Ida Hancock, the wealthiest woman in Los Angeles, as well as one of the most brilliant, whose name has been the synonym for social prestige and generous-hearted philanthropy, and United States Circuit Judge Erskine Mayo Ross, one of the distinguished men of California, were married yesterday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock in the parlors of the Cathedral of St. Vibiana.

Mgr. Harnett performed the ceremony, the only witnesses being Judge Ross's son, Robert Erskine Ross; George Allen Hancock, son of the bride; her sister, Mrs. Otelia Flood; Hancock Banning and A. M. Stephens.

The marriage, though contemplated for several months by the principals, was a great surprise to a wide circle of acquaintances; even the closest friends were not apprised of the date.

Judge and Mrs. Ross have known each other for many years; the families have moved in the same social circle, and have been identified with Los Angeles since the early days. The bride and groom are each 60 years of age. Each is accomplished and personally delightful, and the match is a most happy one.

Mrs. Ross wore a handsome going-away suit in two shades of French gray, and a waist of cream point lace over ashes-of-roses silk, with hat to match.

The couple left yesterday afternoon for a bridal tour. They will return in a few weeks and will stay at Mrs. Ross's home at Ocean Park. In the fall they will be domiciled in the palatial residence at Vermont Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, which has been in course of construction for eighteen months.



Robert E. Vinson (Texas Gamma Epsilon) was recently elected president of the seminary at Austin, Texas. A local newspaper says the following:

In view of the present financial condition of the seminary the ways and means committee reported to the board that in their judgment the situation demanded that the seminary should have a president, who should give much of his time to raising the necessary funds for the carrying on of the work of the institution. The committee further reported that they had found the man eminently fitted in every way for the responsible position of president of the seminary—Dr. Robert E. Vinson, whereupon the board by a unanimous rising vote, elected Dr. Vinson to the presidency of the seminary, subject to the action of the controlling synods.

After careful consideration, Dr. Vinson notified the board of his acceptance of the presidency, provided he could secure the co-operation of the faculty and the controlling synods. The faculty thereupon expressed their great gratification over the election of Dr. Vinson and assured him of their hearty co-operation in all his labors to build up the seminary.

The action of the board in electing Dr. Vinson will be presented to the controlling synods at their coming meetings next fall and there is every indication that the synods will confirm unanimously the action of the board. Pending this final settlement Dr. Vinson assumed at once the duties of the presidency.

Rev. Robert Ernest Vinson, D. D., was yesterday elected to the presidency of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was born in South Carolina, November 4, 1876, and is now only 33 years of age, perhaps the youngest president of any theological seminary in this country. He came to Texas in 1886, when 10 years of age. He is the son of John Vinson and Mary Brice Vinson, of Sherman, Texas.

His uncle, W. D. Vinson, was for many years a distinguished professor of mathematics at Davidson College, North Carolina. Dr. Vinson graduated from Austin College at Sherman in 1896 and took the degree of bachelor of arts. He attended the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia for three years, graduating in 1899 with the degree of bachelor of divinity, taking the first rank in all his classes. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia, from 1899 to 1902. Having accepted the call to the chair of Old Testament languages and exegesis in the Austin Theological Seminary he took a special course in those studies in the University of Chicago under the famous Dr. William R. Harper, whom he assisted in the preparation of his great "Commentary on the Minor Prophets." He came to Austin and served as professor of Hebrew until 1906, teaching with great acceptance to all parties concerned. In 1906 he was transferred to the new chair of English Bible and practical theology, which he will continue to fill in connection with his duties as president.

Dr. Vinson's great love for the seminary was signally shown by his giving up a fully endowed chair and taking a professorship with no endowment whatever, and then going out and raising the endowment for this new chair.

In 1905 the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by his alma mater, Austin College. Though so young a man for years he has been in great demand at summer conferences of Christian workers, his courses of Bible study being among the most popular. Among the many calls he has received were those to the pastorates of the First Presbyterian Churches of New Orleans, La.; of Houston, Texas; of Galveston, Texas, and of Detroit, Mich. He has recently been twice called to be secretary of schools and colleges for the great Southern Presbyterian Church. He has been called to professorships from various colleges, universities and theological seminaries.

Dr. Vinson is possessed of most pleasing appearance and address, a popular orator and more than all of unquestioned piety. Last, but not least, his noble wife, who was Miss Kate Kerr, of Sherman, Texas, is no doubt largely the cause of his remarkable career of usefulness and prominence.

Dr. Vinson has not yet formally accepted the presidency, but the members of the board have great reason to hope that he will, and feel that the seminary should be congratulated upon securing a man of such unquestioned ability and such eminent fitness for the position.



The St. Louis (Mo.) *Republic* published a generous portion of the report of Dr. Elias P. Lyon (ex-Worthy Grand Chief), dean of the St. Louis University Medical School, a part of which is as follows:

The annual report of the St. Louis University Medical School, just issued by the dean, Dr. Elias P. Lyon, shows the progress and plans of future improvement of that college. The number of students during the last year was 243, which number was as large as the present school can accommodate.

The summer school, which was inaugurated a year ago, was so successful that it was opened again this summer, the session having begun a month ago.

Last year seventy-nine students were enrolled, of whom nearly half were practicing physicians. Prof. C. H. Neilson has been appointed director of the hospital.

Other appointments and promotions in the staff include the following: Judge Daniel G. Taylor has been appointed professor of medical jurisprudence. Dr. John W. Marchildon has been advanced from instructor to assistant professor of bacteriology; Dr. R. D. Carman, from instructor to assistant professor of roentgenology; Dr. J. J. Houwink, from instructor to assistant professor of dermatology and syphilology; Dr. William Porter, who for some years has been professor of medicine and chief of the staff of Mount St. Rose Hospital, has resigned. Dr. Louis Boisliniere has been made chief of the hospital and instructor in medicine.

In his report, Dr. Lyon refers to the increase in requirements which will go into effect in 1910. He says:

"For entrance to the medical school there will then be demanded one year of college work in physics, chemistry and biology, in addition to a four-year high school course. In other words, after the coming session of 1909-10, the training for medicine in our school will require five years after graduation from high school, and be equivalent, practically, to the courses in medicine in England and most Canadian schools, though still behind the German standards. What will be the effect of these advances in requirements which will be made in St. Louis by the Washington and St. Louis Universities upon the attendance in these institutions?

"Will low ideals of professional attainments and the desire for a short road to the patient and his pocketbook lead the prospective medical students to discountenance and all but discard proprietary schools? Will these institutions take new life at the expense of the universities? It is hoped that recognition by the public and by prospective students of the need for better trained physicians, and of the rapid progress of scientific medicine—a progress demanding better preparation for its understanding—will prevent such a catastrophe, and that the move to increase the requirements will strengthen rather than weaken the university schools."

The importance of the influence of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Upon Medical Education, is acknowledged by Dr. Lyon. By sending expert examiners to inspect all the schools of the country and publishing the results, the foundation will give to

the public authoritative, unbiased information concerning medical education. The United States has as many medical schools as all the rest of the world put together. More than half of these American schools are unworthy. Some were useful once, but now are unnecessary and unable to keep up with educational progress. Many have always been mere diploma mills and a menace to the public. The investigations of the Carnegie Foundation will give the prospective student a proper basis for selecting a school. It will give the individual member of society also a better basis for selecting a physician. It will help the poor and strengthen the good schools.

The Carnegie Foundation is also lending its efforts toward the union of the weak, but fair-grade, schools into strong, high-grade combinations. The absurdity of the present situation is apparent if St. Louis, a city of 700,000, with six or seven medical schools, not one of which is above second rank, is compared with Berlin, a city of 3,000,000 people, with only one medical school.

In St. Louis the proposition is that the St. Louis University, Washington University and the Missouri State University each continue to teach the first two years of medicine, including the laboratory sciences, in which each school is well prepared to give instruction. But it is proposed that the three schools unite their clinical facilities, or rather, turn them over to a new institution, thus forming a powerful clinical school, which would teach only the last two years of the medical curriculum.

Editorially, the same journal makes the following comments:

There will be found elsewhere in this issue a reference to the annual statement of the dean of the Medical School of St. Louis University. It is no mere perfunctory report of progress; it is notable for the constructive quality of its thought, the fearlessness of its utterance and the practical character of its suggestions. Dr. Lyon is, as he notes in passing, an adopted son of St. Louis, but the community is already justified of its foster parentage of him.

This statement records one great advance in the local field of medical education—the adoption of the requirement of one year of college work in addition to the high school course for entrance into the freshman class, now to be obligatory both at Washington and St. Louis Universities. It is to be hoped that public opinion will back up the faculties of these institutions in this most reasonable requirement, and thus possibly make it obligatory by force of example on the proprietary schools also.

Dr. Lyon ascribes great importance to the influence of the Carnegie Foundation, through its expert examination of and report upon medical education in the United States, on the organization of medical schools. He comments trenchantly upon the contrast between St. Louis, with 700,000 people and six or seven medical schools, and Berlin, with one school to a population of 3,000,000, and notes the proposition to consoli-

date the clinical forces of St. Louis University, Washington University and the State University. Each school would then do the work of the first two years with its present staff and facilities, but all three would turn over their students at the beginning of the junior year to the new clinical school, which would possess facilities far superior to anything which one of the existing institutions can hope to enjoy singly. It is devoutly to be wished that this may be brought about. Medical education is not, like classical and literary education, simply a matter of the contract of the student with the individual teacher. It is technical—we had almost said technological—in character; after student and teacher have been “caught,” the teacher must have the clinical material and the hospital equipment in order to realize maximum effectiveness. For this a large institution and the command of large resources are essential.

It is well known to all observers that radical reform in the methods of some of our schools is greatly to be desired. One of the proprietary schools of St. Louis, for example, has received reports of the failure of 60 per cent. of the graduates recently sent up to the State board for examination and of 30 per cent. of those examined by the boards of other states. Such professional training wastes the time of the student, and the efficiency (?) which it breeds is a doubtful blessing to society. All students should be counseled, in choosing a medical school, to enter where the requirements are high. A preparation cheap in time and effort is a dear purchase for the doctor and for his future patients.

St. Louis has many physicians and surgeons of high standing. The formation of a great clinical school, federating the clinical work of all the schools now existing, would do much for the cause of medical education throughout the West.



That William A. Rick (Pa. Alpha Iota), Mayor of Reading, Pa., has not been idle is well shown by the following from the *Philadelphia North American*:

The climax of the series of woes that have beset the Reading police department since the present administration took office a little more than a year ago came to-day with the announcement that Chief of Police Charles E. Auman had “resigned,” to take effect on Monday, and that Harry Harrison, who enjoyed the fancy title of “police detective,” had been “dismissed.”

Mayor William Rick asked for the resignations of both. He says that he did so “for the good of the service.” Harrison, however, asserts that the shake-up was the result of a dispute over the division of police business among the Republican aldermen. That Mayor Rick requested both resignations following an investigation is not disputed. But he is reticent regarding the actual facts, and the real story has, therefore, not been officially disclosed.

Mayor Rick, when asked to-day to make a formal statement in order to clear up the many rumors of alleged irregularities that are flying thick and fast, said: "The action taken by me was for the good of the department, and to be in a position to fulfil pledges that I have made."

A city official, who is as familiar with all phases of the case as the Mayor himself, said that, while there are numerous reports associated with the action, the real reason was that the practice of forcing a division of fees, when cases were taken before aldermen, had grown to such an extent that a shake-up was considered necessary in the interest of discipline. "While," he continued, "It has long been the impression that constables and others shared their fees with policemen in a position to dictate as to which alderman should issue warrants and which constable was to serve them, it was illegal, and that, though he was a Republican, he did not think any administration should stand for the custom."

As to other rumors, this official could not vouch for them, although he intimated that there may be other measures taken in order to bring the police department up to the highest possible standard.

Mayor Rick, when questioned regarding rumors that only the beginning of a rigid inquiry into police matters that would result in other surprises had been made, said that he wants no stigma resting on the police department, and that all of the members must conform to the rules.

Ten changes have occurred in the police department under the present regime, and nine of the retirements were compulsory. The police committee of Councils is interested in the matter, and a resolution may be introduced in Councils directing that the committee hold a public investigation. The methods of aldermen and constables in their efforts to be favored with business arising from arrests by the police have been a subject of comment about City Hall for several years. It is said that several of them are rivals for the business. For instance, should a street scrap occur, the offended one might be induced to swear out a warrant. It frequently happens in such cases that the officers figuring in the arrest have a favorite alderman to whom they swing the work, and who in return tips them.

Mayor Rick first demanded Harrison's resignation on Wednesday a week ago. The latter refused to resign on the ground that even if he was guilty of the charges preferred against him, others could be dismissed for the same reasons.

Two weeks ago the members of the day force held a conference with Mayor Rick in his office and made a number of complaints that they were not being treated right by the heads of the department. They asserted that favoritism was shown, and that frequently men were allowed to be off duty with pay, and that as a result other men had to "double up" and do more work than should be required of them. Other grievances were stated. Mayor Rick, it is said, looked into every complaint and found that some of them were justified.

PERSONAL NOTES.

ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG.

Rev. J. J. Schindel has been elected president of the Muhlenberg Alumni Association.

Prof. William Reese will resume teaching at Muhlenberg this year.

Leo Wise was successfully operated upon at Medico Chi, Philadelphia.

Rev. J. Howard Woerth has accepted a call from a prominent Lutheran Church at Pittsburgh.

ALPHA NU, MT. UNION.

John C. Carr, '01, was married to Miss Mary E. Jackson, August 2nd, at the bride's home in Bellevue, Pa. The ceremony was witnessed by the families of the contracting parties and a few classmates and friends. After a wedding trip to Chicago and down the lakes, Mr. and Mrs. Carr will be at home at New Castle, Pa., where Carr is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., in its Maintenance of Way Department.

The Paine Federal Code law goes into effect August 1. This law met much opposition from the "interests" before being passed by both the Ohio Senate and House. Senator H. L. Paine, '90, of Toledo, the author, was vigilant to see that it got through in all its force.

J. S. Miller, '89, and John Brown are two of the four local candidates for City Solicitor.

A. O. Fleming has returned from an extensive trip through the West, including the Exposition at Seattle. He returns to the principalship of one of the Ward Schools at Lorain, O.

W. M. Ellett, '93, has been elected a trustee of Mt. Union College.

D. J. Boone, '98, was married to Miss Isabella Frances Goodrich at the bride's home at Delhi, N. Y. Boone is principal of the High School at Lorain, O.

John W. Craine, a charter member of Alpha Nu, has returned to his private law practice, after an appointive term as Circuit

Judge. Although unanimously nominated by the Republicans, he was defeated for re-election by a narrow margin in a strong Democratic District.

F. L. Oesch, Ohio Alpha Nu, delivered an address at the laying of the corner-stone of the Reuben McMillan Public Library in June.

BETA IOTA, GEORGIA TECH.

John Baldwin is prospering in the real estate business in Oklahoma City.

Harry Arrington is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Audley Hill, Jr., is at work in Augusta.

Van Holt Garrett is secretary of the Cotton Exchange in Augusta.

Stephen Barnwell is in the insurance business in Atlanta.

"Doc" Emerson is farming in Summerville, S. C.

Berryman Longino is with Stone & Webster in Seattle, Wash.

BETA LAMBDA, MICHIGAN.

Roy Clark is superintendent of the Youngstown Forge Company.

Harry Bird is with the General Fireproofing Co. He also plays third base on the Leather Shop baseball team, one of the fastest amateur organizations in the Mahoning Valley.

Henry H. Parker, a charter member, and Miss Marie E. Hansen were united in marriage, June 12, 1909.

Harry M. Francis and family have removed to Hood River, Ore., where he has extensive interests in the cultivation of all kinds of fruit.

BETA MU, WOOSTER.

Arthur Dixon was graduated in June from the University of Michigan. He was affiliated with Michigan Beta Lambda.

BETA ZETA, VERMONT.

Miss Mary E. Merrill and R. L. Soule, '04, were married June 16, 1909, at East Fairfield, Vt.

DELTA, VIRGINIA.

H. Stuart Lewis is a successful lawyer in Suffolk, Va.

W. K. Jackson, Jr., has an attractive position in the legal department in the Canal Zone.

T. P. Winchester is practicing law in Fort Smith, Ark.

GAMMA BETA, TUFTS.

Robert William Hill, '04, has been re-elected National Secretary of the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church, with office at 30 West Street, Boston. Hill was Worthy Keeper of Exchequer in his chapter when in college and an active and efficient official. He is now in his senior year in Harvard Law School.

Harry Adams Hersey, '03 and '06, is pastor of the Universalist Church in Stafford, Conn. Hersey has been appointed editor of *Onward*, the national organ of the Universalist Young People, for the seventh successive year. He was married in May, 1906, to Miss Lottie May Champlin, of Hartford, Conn. He has two sons whom he promises to make good A. T. O. men if "Barkis is willin'" in 1930. When in college, Hersey was W. M. of his chapter in 1902-03.

GAMMA DELTA, BROWN.

George E. Walker is counsel for the Crucible Steel Company of America in its Boston office.

Paul F. Clark is carrying on experimental work in the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute in New York City. Last June he received the degree of doctor of philosophy from Brown.

Chester C. Waters received the doctor of philosophy degree last June and will become a teacher of economics and social science.

Irving L. Price has been promoted to manager of one of the large Woolworth stores in New York City.

Charles E. Clift was recently made superintendent of all the Woolworth stores in New England.

P. R. Keller has resigned his position with the Western Electric Co., at Chicago, and is now located in New York City.

G. W. Davis, '07, is in his second year of service as civil engineer for the Bureau of Lands, Philippine Islands.

A. G. Bruce, '07, is still engaged in civil engineering in Porto Rico.

D. V. Richardson, '08, left recently for the West to enter the employ of a contracting engineer.

E. H. Swett, '07, recently received an appointment as Junior Engineer in the Water Resources Branch of the Geological Survey with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

GAMMA ETA, TEXAS.

W. E. Geisen is now located in El Paso, Texas, being the senior partner in the firm of Geisen & Edwards, civil engineers.

GAMMA KAPPA, WESTERN RESERVE.

F. F. Herr had charge of the summer session of the Rayen High School. A son, Whitney Henderson, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr on May 7, 1909.

While J. F. Williams was on a business trip to Idaho in June, his little daughter, Edith Virginia, died on Monday the 12th, after an illness of only a few hours. Every effort was made to reach Williams by wire, and he arrived home on the following Sunday. Mrs. Williams was with her parents at Kelly's Island, Lake Erie, during July and August. Williams and his wife have the sympathy of many friends.

GAMMA LAMBDA, COLORADO.

Lemuel F. Parton has been made city editor of the Los Angeles *Herald*. A very responsible position and one that Parton is well qualified to fill.

George Elliott is connected with the Spring Valley Water Co., San Francisco. It is reported that he will be married this fall.

Reuben Harrison is "heavy man" in a stock company playing at the Liberty Theatre, Oakland, Cal.

Dr. Walter H. Nichols is living at Munrovia, Cal.

Wm. E. Thompson, E. E., University of Colorado, '07, has gone to Chicago to study medicine, preferring that profession to engineering.

Ernest Folger Pope has charge of a hospital at Spokane, Wash.

Stephen H. Underwood is practicing law at Long Beach, Cal., with offices in the City National Bank Building.

Herbert M. Kirton has removed to Helena, Mont. He was recently appointed Government Attorney to assist the U. S. District Attorney in the trying and investigation of cases concerning government land.

Arthur D. Wilson is connected with the W. T. Craft Realty Co., at Denver, Colo. He has but lately returned from an extensive trip to Panama and South America.

William C. Bailey has opened an office for the practice of dentistry at 36 Barth Block, Denver.

GAMMA MU, KANSAS.

Leslie A. Gould, '03, is at present filling the position of clerk of the District Court at Eureka, Kan.

H. P. Farnsworth is connected with the Exchange of Surveys at Neligh, Neb.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS.

ALLIANCE.

A short time before Christmas, a meeting was held in the office of Attorney W. L. Hart, at which the Alliance Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega was organized. Prior to this time an organization had existed among the local alumni, but had never been officially recognized by the fraternity. At this time, however, permission had been granted to organize by former Worthy Grand Chief E. P. Lyon. The meeting was well attended, about thirty loyal Alpha Taus being present. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. G. L. King; vice-president,

Attorney J. S. Miller; secretary, G. E. Allott; treasurer, M. P. Pennel. The membership includes about fifty alumni living in this city and vicinity, among which are some of the most prominent men of the community—lawyers, doctors, manufacturers, ministers and business men.

It was the spirit of the meeting that the alumni would be a more potent factor in fraternity life as an organization than as scattered individuals. It was thought that the association could find a useful field of activity in helping the local collegiate chapter, Ohio Alpha Nu, and that as an organized body it would be more useful than it had been in the past. The meeting was enthusiastic and full of life. It is planned to hold meetings every month. A delegate was elected to the Pittsburgh Congress to extend the greetings of the association to the general fraternity.

G. E. ALLOTT.

CHICAGO.

The Alumni Association has not attempted to hold any formal meetings during the summer months, as so many of the boys are spending their vacation out of the city. But beginning the second Saturday of September we expect to continue our regular monthly meetings and all old and new brothers are very cordially invited; in fact, expected to attend.

Several of the old "stand-bys" have left the city and we have only been able to locate a few of the boys from last year's class. But all of the police have been instructed to be on the lookout and we hope to be able to report a decided increase in our membership in our next letter.

We are also planning to make our annual dinner in November a great success, for the boys have already been notified that no excuse, less serious than a broken leg, will be accepted by the committee. This, of course, only applies to those who have never attended any of our annual dinners; for, after once attending this function, it takes more than a broken leg to interfere.

Don't forget the date, for excursions will be run on all roads.

H. L. HOPE.

COLORADO.

The alumni of Colorado and Denver have been honored and we consider ourselves very fortunate in having had the pleasure of entertaining recently our Province Chief, Van der Vries, and Worthy Grand Chief, Paul R. Hickok. Van der Vries stopped in Denver on his official visit to Colorado Gamma Lambda Chapter at the University of Colorado. In his honor we had at dinner at which were present a representative number of the Denver Alumni. This, with an informal theatre party and lunch, were the chief features of his visit. Park M. French accom-

panied him to Boulder, where the chapter entertained in his honor. The majority of the Denver Alumni have met Van der Vries several times, so we feel well acquainted with him and are always pleased to have him come to Denver.

During the last of May we were extremely fortunate in having as our guest no other than our most Worthy Grand Chief, Paul R. Hickok. After having met Hickok we all felt that his title was especially appropriate as we consider him a most worthy brother and a grand fellow. Brother Hickok was in Denver about a week attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and so we had the opportunity of entertaining him at numerous informal luncheons, as well as at more formal affairs. Sidney Fithian was host at a dinner in his honor.

The most formal entertainment was a banquet tendered on May 22nd to Hickok by the Denver Alumni Association. That the oratorical part of the affair was a symphony in itself will be seen from the appended toast list.

THE BRASS BAND.

Baton Exhibition,	By Drum Major N. CLINTON STEEL
	<i>Colorado Gamma Lambda.</i>
Conductor,	JAMES J. BANKS
	<i>Alabama Alpha Epsilon.</i>
"Song Without Words,"	HARRY V. KEPNER
	<i>Ohio Beta Eta.</i>
Intermezzo—"Schwamaquegan,"	WALTER M. APPEL
	<i>Colorado Gamma Lambda.</i>
Cornet Solo—"Trombone Selected" (By his own request),	SIDNEY B. FITHIAN
	<i>Illinois Gamma Zeta.</i>
"Alpha Tau Omega,"	PAUL R. HICKOK
"Waltz Me Around Again, Willie,"	IRA C. ROTHGERBER
	<i>Colorado Gamma Lambda.</i>
Two-step—"College Days,"	FRED E. HAGEN
	<i>Colorado Gamma Lambda.</i>
Soprano Solo—"Merry Widow,"	GEORGE B. DRAKE
	<i>Colorado Gamma Lambda.</i>

While the speeches were all enjoyed the one that was the star performer and head-liner was the guest of honor. His talk on the principles of the fraternity was so full of new thoughts, and his manner of presenting same so enthusiastic that those who heard it were inspired with even greater love and admiration for our order.

An escort from the Alumni Association accompanied the Chief to Boulder, where he was entertained by the chapter with a drive, dinner, informal reception and initiation. Not only was the visit of Hickok a

pleasure to all who met him and an occasion for entertainment, but we know that the alumni and active members of Colorado Gamma Lambda have been benefited by his advice, suggestions and information in regard to the fraternity. We hope we may soon have him with us again.

During the last few weeks the alumni in Denver have had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining informally the following visitors: J. Fuller Wallace and Hallett D. Wallace, of Ohio, who are taking a vacation in the Colorado mountains. Jesse R. Caley and Ralph L. Partridge, formerly of Nebraska Gamma Theta, were in town for a short time. F. W. Schriber, a graduate this year of Iowa Gamma Upsilon, visited on his way to Clifton, Ariz., where he has an engineering position. Julius F. Schwartz, of Wooster, Ohio, was in Denver this spring and is at present spending the summer at Estes Park, Colo. We understand he intends to locate in Denver, so we will have a valuable addition to our lists. Mart T. Christensen, Alonzo M. Emigh and Wm. E. Thompson, all of Colorado Gamma Lambda, have also been with us at different times.

During the summer months, because of the absence of various members from the city, we have not held our regular monthly stunts, but intend to resume the custom soon. Meantime we are not allowing our enthusiasm to wane, but are storing it for some lively meetings this fall and winter.

GEORGE B. DRAKE.

INDIANA.

The local association has been unusually active during the summer months and meetings have been held regularly with good attendance.

The feature of the work recently has been that of giving close attention to the men living in this locality and who expect to enter school in the fall. This work should be of considerable assistance to the Purdue and Rose Polytechnic chapters during the rushing season.

The July and August meetings of the association were in the form of picnics and both were very successful from point of attendance and spirit shown. The July gathering was characterized by a big chicken dinner given at a farm house a few miles from the city, and that in August by a short canoe trip up the river.

It is the intention of the members to meet in Lafayette during September when the rushing season is on, and take active part in the work of securing men for Indiana Gamma Omicron.

D. R. LINDLEY.

MINNESOTA.

The Minnesota Alumni Association, which hitherto has been talking mostly of its hopes and prospects, can at last step forward and claim a real achievement. Some time ago members of this association formed

a corporation known as the "Alpha Tau Omega Association of Minnesota" for the purpose, mainly, of handling certain contemplated business deals with more facility. On April 20, 1909, this corporation, which is composed of members, both of the active chapter and the Alumni Association, purchased a handsome property adjoining the university campus at a cost of \$10,000.

The location of this property is eminently suited to fraternity uses, and contains a spacious house of colonial structure, which, with some slight changes will make an ideal home capable of housing a large chapter in comfort. This deal was engineered by William B. Smiley and William H. Oppenheimer, of St. Paul, and W. Sumner Covey, of Minneapolis, who are active in the affairs of the corporation, and entitled to great credit for the clever method they devised to finance matters.

The property is leased to the active chapter by the corporation, which thereby reaps a good monthly rental, so this, together with the outstanding notes as they fall due, will take care of the proposition in good style, we hope.

THOMAS C. PEEBLES.

READING.

The Reading Alpha Taus held their annual banquet at Mineral Springs Hotel, July 2nd, with the following brothers present: Dr. H. F. Schantz, O. F. Bernheim, M. W. Gross, Jesse Stettler, Albert Fasig and L. R. Fink, all of Alpha Iota; Dr. C. J. Dietrich, Pa. Alpha Upsilon, and E. R. Geisewite and Raymond Huyette, Pa. Alpha Rho.

Dr. H. F. Schantz was elected president and E. R. Geisewite, secretary and treasurer.

As our membership is not very large and wishing to have all the active brothers possible join us at our banquets, we decided to hold two banquets every year, while the regular monthly meetings will be held at the president's office, 402 N. Fifth Street. After the business came the banquet. After having dined, Dr. H. F. Schantz, our toastmaster, gave us a general fraternity talk, dwelling mostly on the PALM and the next conclave of Province V. He called upon everyone to give a little "spiel" to which everyone responded nobly.

E. R. GEISEWITE.

ST. LOUIS.

The St. Louis Association held a business meeting in May which was well attended; a committee consisting of Buck, of the McKinley High School, and Cummings, of Smith Academy, was appointed to keep on the lookout for boys intending to enter colleges where we have chapters, and to get the chapters in touch with desirable men.

In June several Alpha Taus met at dinner at Forest Park Highlands and spent a very pleasant evening together; a similar meeting is planned for August at one of the summer gardens.

We expect to add several new members to the association in the fall.

WILLIAM A. ELLIOT.

NASHVILLE.

Prior to the organization of the Nashville Alumni Association, a banquet in honor of the local alumni was held on Wednesday evening, May 26th, by Tennessee Beta Pi of Vanderbilt University.

The scene of the banquet was the chapter house which was decorated for the occasion. A table extended through three adjoining rooms, around which were seated about fifty-eight guests; eighteen of the local chapter, five affiliates and the remainder alumni. R. B. McGehee, Alabama Beta Beta, at present an affiliate of Tennessee Beta Pi, acted as toastmaster and as such opened the program with an address of welcome.

The toasts given were as follows: W. E. Bolling, "Tennessee Beta Pi Chapter;" P. M. Canale, "The Need of Our Chapter—An Active, Organized Alumni Association;" Bradeen Walker, Virginia Delta, "Why Nashville Should Have An Organized Alumni Association;" A. B. Neil, "The Benefits to the Alumni from An Organized Association;" R. W. Billington, "Now is the Accepted Time."

Billington ended his speech by moving the organization of the Nashville Alumni Association. By this time enthusiasm had reached its height through the speeches and a five-piece orchestra, playing lively college and A. T. O. songs.

The result was the organization of the association and the election of the following officers: R. W. Billington, M. D., president; Prof. R. W. Jones, vice-president; W. E. Bolling, secretary-treasurer.

The objects of the association, besides the general good of the fraternity, are the building of a chapter house for the local chapter and acting as a general board of advisors for them.

Since the organization of the association, the work of enrollment of members goes merrily on, and it is predicted that by the time that activities are begun in the fall, the membership of the association will be very near the one hundred mark. Circular letters have been mailed by the secretary to every known Alpha Tau in Middle Tennessee, and the manner in which replies are being sent in indicates that the new association will rank among the most useful in the fraternity.

Brother Jervey's scheme for the first annual conclave of Province VIII in Nashville, next Thanksgiving Day, is now being developed by a committee. Another committee is perfecting plans for the erection of a chapter house for Beta Pi Chapter at Vanderbilt University. At present the plans are for a \$15,000 model house, and already some steps have been taken in the matter. Thus it can be seen that the association will "do things."

All members of like associations of our fraternity are requested to mail to the secretary information concerning their organizations, schemes that have met with success, and those things which a young association should avoid. We desire the results of experiences of others. All such communications will be thankfully received.

The dates upon which the meetings of the association will be held in the fall will be announced in the next issue. In the meantime visiting brothers will be welcome at the place of business or home of every A. T. O. in Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

W. E. BOLLING.


YOUNGSTOWN.

The last meeting of the Youngstown Alumni Association was held on June 24, 1909. At the election, all the old officers were chosen for another year. Carr, Ohio Alpha Nu, of New Castle, and White, Michigan Beta Lambda, who was at home during his vacation, were with us for the first time. Plans for a meeting of all the Alpha Taus in the Mahoning Valley were discussed, and an effort is being made to get every brother out to the eat-talk-smoke-fest which the committee has in mind for the first fall meeting.

FRANCIS F. HERR.



A. T. O. GROUP AT NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE.



Chapter Letters.

ROLL CALL.

The following chapters failed to respond to our several requests for letters and have been fined the usual amount:

Province I—Georgia Alpha Zeta. Province II—Illinois Gamma Xi. Province IV—New York Alpha Lambda; New York Beta Theta. Province VI—South Carolina Beta Xi.

NOTICE!

Chapter letters for the December PALM are due and must be in the hands of the Editor on November 1. Publication of those arriving later than said date can not be assured.

PROVINCE I.

ALPHA EPSILON—ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Several of our brothers graduated with honors. We expect to make the session of 1909-10 one of the most prosperous in our history. By January we hope we will be able to have our chapter house erected. We carried off our share of honors on Commencement. Pearson, captain of Co. D, won the sword for having the best drilled company. In crack company drill we had about 18 men and all acquitted themselves with honor. On the All-Southern baseball team we were represented by Smith.

R. G. HUBBARD.

GEORGIA ALPHA BETA—SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

The scholastic year ending June, 1909, proved the most successful in our history at the University of Georgia. When college opened we had enrolled with us twenty-two brothers, ten of whom engaged rooms at the chapter house. In November, at the suggestion of one of our fellows and after careful planning and thought, we decided to begin taking meals at the club house. This was, indeed, one of our best strides

at Georgia last year, for it was not only a novel feature of chapter house living, but it was the main argument for our house party so successfully engineered. We boast of giving the first house party of boys and girls in the State of Georgia, where all the entertaining was done at the club house. Not only were we cordial toward our girls and visiting brothers, but members of other fraternities received our hospitality. Besides an excellent dance carefully planned and beautifully carried through, we were hosts at a reception to all the ladies and ladies' men of the city. In entertaining our house party we were very kindly assisted by many of the married ladies of the city who are indeed our friends.

Alpha Beta returns about nine men the coming year. We go into a new chapter house on Milledge Avenue, which is much larger and more desirable than the house we leave. We will continue taking meals at the club house, this having proved so successful last year. At present three men are pledged for our chapter and others are being well rushed during the summer.

We were very sorry to lose by graduation, H. P. Heath, B. S., Joseph Stevens, A. B., John Hart Porter, C. E., and Frank Clark, Jr., Law. These brothers have made loyal Alpha Taus, and the chapter is much indebted to each of her graduates for his unceasing labor and true fraternity spirit.

From present indications, we will have one or two representatives on both the football and baseball teams next year. The secretary and treasurer of the German Club is an Alpha Tau. Several of our fellows will be out for debates, and we hope to get some class officers in the regular election, which comes off in September. We have one member of the Senior Round Table, chapter of Sigma Upsilon, and one member of the Thalias, the University Dramatic Club.

G. C. ARNOLD.

ALABAMA BETA BETA—SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

In May, Brannon was one of the challenge debate speakers between Southern University and Millsap's College. We take pride in the fact that it was due to his speech that Southern University won out. In class work we have most of our boys on honor rolls. Abrams won two medals at the Commencement. Weaver secured two, putting our "frat" in the lead. Four of our fellows, Abrams, Weaver, Brannon and Rush, graduated this year, leaving us nine to return. We hope to have at least seven with us next year. Cox will return, and we are more than glad to have him with us. In sports, as usual, our fellows lead. The most delightful affair of the school session was our reception, which, to our mind, was the most brilliant of the season. The boys have all scattered home, but most of them, including the graduates, have agreed that that we should all meet at the opening of college next year, as our college has brighter prospects than ever before.

R. H. SMITH.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Alabama closed May 26th, after a most successful year. The Senior Class numbered over 100—among whom were our brothers, Paul P. Brinkman, in the Engineering Department; Leroy H. Woodruff, Academic; L. C. Brannen, A. H. Clark and J. D. Ratcliffe, Law.

But while we will greatly feel the loss of these members, the prospects for Beta Delta next year are very bright. We hope to return more men than ever before and have strong plans already on foot for a chapter house.

We understand that several brothers who have been out of college the past year or so are contemplating returning also, which gives us great encouragement, added to the fact that possibly two of this year's graduates may return next year for post-graduate courses.

Commencement was indeed a great time here. Alpha Tau Omega was not on the list of entertainers this year, but there was plenty else to do. Several of the "frats" gave most enjoyable Germans. There was a world of visiting girls present, a goodly number of whom wore Alpha Tau Omega pins.

Alabama as a whole hopes and plans for a better year next year than any heretofore. The two new buildings will be ready for occupation and during the summer a great deal of work will be done upon those already built. Steam heating and remodeling will greatly improve the conveniences and appearance of our school and all summer will be devoted to this work. Plans are being drawn for a splendid new gymnasium, which will be the best in the Southern States.

In closing, it might be of interest to again say that Derrill B. Pratt was captain of the team which won the Southern championship, and that the star of the season was another brother—Wm. Vaughan, who was the catcher.

J. W. STOLLENWERCK.

FLORIDA ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

Alpha Omega was highly honored at Commencement. Among the graduates were R. S. Chapin, W. W. Gibbs, Charles Larsen and W. B. Martin.

The A. T. O's took six out of the nine medals offered. The Buckman Medal, for best scholarship in an Engineering Course, was won by Gibbs. Martin and Rader won the Senior and Junior Oratorical Medals, respectively. May carried off the medal offered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the best essay. Of the Marksmen's Medals, Gibbs won first and Larson, second.

Our final banquet was a great success. It was held at the White House, Gainesville's leading hotel. Chapin made an ideal toastmaster. The entire evening was one of genuine A. T. O. fellowship.

Roby, of Tampa, spent Commencement week with us, and his visit was greatly enjoyed.

Our prospects for next year are very bright, as we expect ten of our members to return at the opening of the university in the fall.

RALPH D. RADER.

GEORGIA ALPHA THETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

At Commencement this year, Alpha Theta entertained fifteen of our loyal sisters at a house party, and for five whole days we enjoyed life as never before. On the last night of Commencement we gave our A. T. O. reception. Everyone was full of Alpha Tau spirit and we had the time of our lives. There is no need to attempt to describe it, for all the brothers were there.

Our men succeeded in winning more than our share of honors at the close of school. On the stage we were represented by W. H. Burt, Sophomore speaker; T. M. Monroe and H. T. Quillian, Junior speakers, and W. S. Bryan, Senior speaker. Burt won the Sophomore Declamation Medal; J. M. Bryan, the medal for the best essay, and W. S. Bryan, the Senior Greek Medal. W. S. Bryan was also one of the two men to represent Emory in the debate with Wofford. Emory won the decision.

We were also well represented in athletics. Peeples won the singles tennis tournament, while Brown, J. M. Bryan and Peeples made places on the All-Emory baseball team.

We expect to return almost our whole chapter next fall, as we lose only two men by graduation, J. M. and W. S. Bryan. W. S. Bryan, however, will return to take a post-graduate course and to assist the English professor. We also have our eyes on several new men whom we expect to help us out along every line of college work.

H. T. QUILLIAN.

GEORGIA BETA IOTA—GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Our last term ended June 17th, and all expect to return except the three that we lose by graduation; namely, G. W. Barnwell, C. L. Emerson and W. L. Williams. We regret very much to lose these men, as they were active in all affairs of the chapter. We wish them much success in their new ventures.

The past term also ended our first year in a chapter house, which will be remembered by everyone of us, especially those who lived in the house, as being the most pleasant, as well as the most successful year ever spent at college. Being thus situated in a house we enjoyed entertaining our visiting brothers in a better way than we could in the past, and should be more than pleased to have any A. T. O., while in Atlanta, come out and see us. Since the last issue of the *PALM* the following brothers have honored us with visits: Newberger, of Kentucky Mu Iota; Vosskuehler,

of Wisconsin Gamma Tau; Humes, of Louisiana Beta Epsilon; Myers, of Virginia Delta; Stringfellow, Clark, Porter and Buchanan, of Georgia Alpha Beta.

Our chapter not only had the honor of having the highest average in scholarship, but was well represented in athletics, having the managers of both the football and baseball teams, besides two men on the football team, one on the baseball team and three on the tennis and basketball teams. We also had the editor-in-chief of the annual and several class officers. Beginning next year we have the captain of the basketball team, manager of the tennis team and three men on the annual board. In fact, the past year was very satisfactory in every respect, and we feel sure that with the bright prospects we have for next year it will be still better.

R. F. GOLDEN.

LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Epsilon is well pleased with the showing made by her eleven members during the collegiate year 1908-09, but she is not yet satisfied. We return every man in October, and each of them has promised to put forth every effort towards the realization of our plans and ideals. Last year we had men on the football team, captain of the track team, debaters, officers in different classes, and various committee men. However, we have made up our minds to do even better next year.

At the present time, eight of New Orleans' most representative preparatory school men are wearing the Alpha Tau Omega pledge pin. These prospectives were asked by two, and in some cases three fraternities, but our bid seemed to be the most attractive. Our policy is to encourage a friendly feeling among our pledgers, so that when they enter the chapter, they will be better acquainted with each other.

We are glad that Louisiana Beta Epsilon was established when it was. We feel that Tulane is one of the fraternity's strongholds, and will always be a safe place for an Alpha Tau chapter. The university is growing each year, and is graduating broad-minded men, prepared for general activity. Not only theoretically, but practically, the standard of Tulane University of Louisiana is as high as that of any American institution of learning.

We felt that it was necessary to keep up with each other during the summer months, and the best way we could think of to carry out our plan, was a chain-letter which would pass from one brother to another, finally ending with the one who started it. The letter has already passed through several hands and is a great success.

We agree fully with what Brother Reno says in his editorial in the June PALM on "The Chapter Letters," and will do our best to have our letter in when due. During the past three years, we have failed to be represented in one issue only, and on that occasion the letter was written

and thought to have been sent to the Editor, but somehow or other, it was misplaced. I must be frank and admit that I do not believe in having to send chapter letters to the PALM two months before it is issued. There is much that happens in those two months of which we would like to speak. One month would suit us much better. However, Brother Reno, we are not kicking. Sometimes we feel the PALM is much too good for us and always that it is good enough. You said you were discouraged. There should be no such state. Be like the turtle—keep on going and in the end things will turn out just right. Brother Reno, you are mistaken about the editorial page. I am sure we are not the only ones who regard it far more than a hostage to mere conventionality.

WOODRUFF GEORGE.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The chapter is looking forward to the opening of the next session at Austin with bright hopes and high ambitions. A survey of the situation at the close of school demonstrated that Gamma Eta loses only two men by graduation. Of these, Touchstone will practice law, probably in Dallas, Texas, and Randolph will accept a Fellowship in Chemistry at Boston Tech. The chapter is sorry to lose both men and we are glad to say that the prospect is that every other man on the chapter roll for the past year will be back at school in September with blood in his eye. Our new home is thoroughly modern and fitted with all the conveniences of an up-to-date fraternity house. It is newly furnished throughout and the location is ideal, so every Texas A. T. O. cherishes the expectation of a delightful year as far as lodging goes.

Correspondence with the brothers over the State leads the writer to hope for unprecedented success in rushing. We are asking and expecting the invaluable aid of the alumni in securing lines on good men, and if they are as thoughtful for the chapter as they have been in recent years, we may look for a goodly selection of 1909-10 prospects. All the active chapter men report a very pleasant summer and are looking forward with zeal to the joys of the opening days at Austin, when we "love our friends and hate our enemies."

Report has it in 'Varsity circles that a new professional fraternity is to be established at the University of Texas. While the academic fraternity field might be said to be crowded at Austin, thus far we have only one law fraternity, and a new chapter will be warmly welcomed if it comes.

CURTICE M. ROSSER.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Illinois Gamma Zeta graduated four men this year. Cleavinger, Butler and Lindley received the A. B. degree and Jones, the degree of B. S. Cleavinger will return next year and continue his work in the Library School.

M. E. Thompson is the only one of the active chapter who has definitely decided not to return next year. His parents have moved to California, so he has decided to go to the University of California and complete his course in Civil Engineering. Our loss will be California Gamma Iota's gain, for he expects to affiliate with them.

We are well represented in Europe this year, as four of the brothers have gone over to spend the summer. Dean Clark, Cleavinger and Jones are in one party and Lindley goes with some of his relatives. The three that are going together land at Rotterdam and are going through Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy and then back to England, but Lindley lands at Liverpool and is going to take a bicycle trip through the British Isles before he goes over on the continent.

Wright is the only one of the active chapter attending Summer School. Carlos McMasters, who is Assistant Dean of Undergraduates and head of the Summer School in the absence of Dean Clark, will keep Wright company at the house. Most of the members have secured positions for the summer. J. Thomsen is working for a bridge company in Toledo, Ohio. C. E. Phelps secured a position with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis. H. K. Dick will be with the Decatur Bridge Co., at Decatur, Ill., and H. D. Barlow, with a condensed milk concern at Delta, Ohio.

As far as we know now, we will have seventeen or eighteen men back in the fall. With the members back and with the help of our alumni, we hope to have a better chapter than ever, next fall. No one is going to be idle this summer and each member is on the lookout for new material.

C. R. Wansbrough was appointed chairman of a summer rushing committee and all information concerning such matters is to be sent to him.

R. F. HUNTER.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA—ROSE POLY. INSTITUTE.

Again we are at the beginning of a new year, and, we may rightly say, Gamma Gamma is better prepared this fall than at any previous time, to take up the affairs of the chapter for the coming year. Graduation did not hurt us much, as regards to number, only three having been graduated, leaving sixteen to return this fall. In addition, McDaniel and Templeton, who have been out for one and two terms, respectively, are to return, thus making a total of eighteen to start the 1909 ball rolling.

The chief work to be first taken up will be that of "rushing." With so many men to start with and the most conveniently located "frat" house at school, we shall be in a very good position to draw the very best material from the incoming class. And this we sincerely hope to do. Here at Rose, the "rushing season," by agreement between the faculty and the fraternities, extends to just beyond Christmas, thus giving plenty of time to fully investigate the men we seek and thereby eliminating almost entirely the chance of landing a "prize package."

For a most pleasant recollection of the past year, we have only to think of the conclave of Province II, held at the Gamma Zeta house last May. Seven of our fellows attended and their reports of the proceedings were but a sorry substitute for those brothers who were so unfortunate as to be unable to attend. The return of these seven certainly aroused a new spirit in the chapter, which we hope will be carried throughout the coming year. Gamma Zeta is to be heartily congratulated for their efforts to make that conclave all that it was, for they certainly succeeded, both in showing what a conclave should be and in providing royal entertainment for their guests.

During Commencement week, we had the pleasure of meeting Kittredge, who spent a few days here. His visit was all too short, and we hope next year to see a great deal more of our alumni.

As the result of the elections held at the close of last year, Planck becomes president, and Webster, treasurer, of the Glee Club; Rasmussen, president of the Camera Club, and Fairchild, representative to the Symphony Club.

O. A. OHMANN.

INDIANA GAMMA OMICRON—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Gala week, closing the fiscal school year, is now a thing of the past, but the fond memories that it leaves behind us will not soon be forgotten. For, while it was greatly enjoyed by both the faculty and students, it was more so by the old graduates who had returned to attend the Commencement and to renew those acquaintances that were so dear to them during their school days. The program was very excellent and the Commencement exercises very impressive.

With the graduating class the chapter loses Hart and Hunsicker, both exemplary young men, brothers who always had the success of Gamma Omicron in their hearts, and by their actions taught the younger brothers how to be a benefit to the chapter. And to these brothers Gamma Omicron extends their best wishes, hoping them as successful in their future undertakings as in the past.

With a new home for the coming year, one that will be of great advantage to us, and with most of the brothers returning in the fall, the outlook of the chapter is very pleasing, indeed. For Gamma Omicron

has in the past year suffered from their destructive fire and it was only by the true loyalty and support of all the brothers that the chapter was able to overcome them. But with present conditions, all points to an initial year for the chapter.

THOMAS MEREDITH, JR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The semi-centennial Commencement is now over and it certainly was the climax in the history of our chapter. Some twenty-five alumni were back and among these, three charter members.

Our newly decorated and refurnished halls afforded ample space for the banquet, and the many brilliant speeches which followed were heartily enjoyed by all. As the morning sun peeped into the merry crowd announcing the time for departure, each young Alpha Tau felt the joy of having lived for his fraternity this year, and the alumni were thrice glad to have been able to be present.

Every man expects to be back and rushing the cream of the students, with the exception of Lucas, who finds it necessary to remain at his home in Muncie, Ind., until year after next. We shall miss him much, as he alone held up the chapter last fall and devoted his entire energy to making it the thriving and influential element which it now is in Adrian.

H. B. HAYNES.

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Beta Kappa has closed a very successful year, adding six new men to her chapter, all of whom will be back except C. C. Oliver, who graduated and Treer, who will teach at North Adams this coming year.

Hobart, who was called home owing to the death of his father, will be back next fall to help rush. We have four or five new men spotted which will be a help and also an honor to Beta Kappa. We appreciate very much the loyalty shown by our alumni, especially Baker and Knapp, who have influenced some of their students to come to Hillsdale, and of those they thought would do honor to a fraternity they have spoken a good word for us.

During Commencement week we took supper at Smith's Hotel and were favored with four of our alumni; viz., Barker, Knapp, McIntosh and Moeler. September 1st, we move into our new house, where we will have a better chance to rush and also work with a unity of purpose.

R. D. FORD.

MICHIGAN BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

At the close of the year 1908-09 Beta Lambda had twenty-five active men upon her chapter roll. Johnson, Winkler, Dixon, Deakin and Harkness graduated in the spring, and so will not be with us this fall.

Beta Lambda has good reason to feel proud of her 1909 graduates, as they all received excellent offers of positions and were able to make a choice in their work. The rest of the men all expect to return to Ann Arbor in the fall and will be back early to take an active part in the rushing of new men. Webber and McKinnan, of Ionia, Mich., and Bishop, of Charlotte, visited us at the time of the Inter-scholastic contests last year and were pledged Alpha Taus. These men expect to be in school this fall, and we are confident that they will be a valuable addition to our chapter. We are also expecting Bradt, of Detroit, and Merritt, of Grants Pass, Ore., with us this year.

At an election held last spring, Robert Olson was chosen by the minor departments of the university, to represent them on the Michiganansian Board of Control. As this board has the supervision of all student publications on the campus, Olson's position is one of no little honor.

Arthur Dixon won his class numerals on the Senior Literary Class baseball team last spring. "Art" played third base and was responsible for some of the good work which gave the Seniors a place in the finals.

During the summer the men have all kept in close touch with each other by personal correspondence, and especially by means of the chain-letter which has been sent around to all the men. Each man receives the letter in turn and adds his share to the news. In this way the interest of the fraternity is stimulated and the enthusiasm of the men is increased. With the surety of twenty active men back in the fall, and with the new material which we have in sight, Beta Lambda's prospects are very bright for the coming year.

ARTHUR M. GORMAN.

MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON—ALBION COLLEGE.

Graduation deprived us of Arthur Skidmoore, who was probably the most popular man in college. Of course, we are sorry to lose him, but we feel sure that he will make good in his teaching work next year.

At our last meeting of the year each man promised to try and bring back one new man next September. We think that a good plan, and if it works successfully, we will have more men than any other two fraternities in college.

The latter part of June found us busy with many social engagements. We enjoyed our annual picnic and banquet at Gull Lake the third week in June. Everything "went off" just right and the Delta Gamma and Sigma Theta girls, who were our guests, pronounced it the best event of the year.

J. Clifford Smith and Mark Fall are having great success selling music composed by Fall. They contemplate reaching the Western Coast before school opens in the fall. Jelsch and Smith are spending

their summer in Detroit, and Wells is "back to the old farm." Baker and Bemmer have good positions in "Old Albion."

The prospects for fall are very encouraging. We expect, under our new plan, to have twenty-five members by Christmas. We will also obtain newer and better equipped rooms in September. All but one of the men will be back in September, ready to work harder than ever for Beta Omicron.

CLARENCE BEMER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The quiet surface of fraternity life at Wisconsin has been rippled by the passage of a resolution in the State Legislature authorizing the investigation of Greek-letter society conditions, and there are those who believe that the resolution is merely the advance breeze of an impending storm which threatens to involve the abolition of fraternities generally at the Badger institution. The original resolution provided for an investigation by the faculty, but it was changed to one by the board of regents. What the precise nature of the investigation will be can not be ascertained. Charges have been made frequently that life at Wisconsin is undemocratic, that the fraternity system is the cause, and that the large number of Greek-letter professors are assisting, by their conduct, in the estrangement of Greek and non-Greek. Some claim that fraternity members lead a riotous life, and it is understood that statistics have been gathered tending to show that the fraternity membership does not rank as high scholastically as the average student body, the figures to prove that the societies do not promote scholarship. These general questions of conduct and scholarship, probably will be answered in a measure by the investigation; whether the Legislature, upon the report of the board of regents, will abolish the fraternity system is doubtful. A few are inclined to fear that a Legislature in which agricultural interests predominate may be sufficiently radical to sound the death knell of the Greek-letter organizations, but older men, while conceding authority and power to destroy, feel that nothing will come of the investigation, except perhaps some additional restrictions by the university faculty.

Gamma Tau has lost five of its Seniors by graduation, Scherer, Faber, Stiehm, Woodruff and Graebner. Faber is employed at Waupun, Wis.; Graebner has entered upon the practice of law in Milwaukee and has won his first case, and Stiehm has signed a contract to teach at the Fort Atkinson, Wis., High School, where he will have charge of athletics.

Present indications point to the return of sixteen active members in the fall, five Seniors, three Juniors and eight Sophomores. We have five pledges, all except one to enter as Freshmen, so that we are assured of practically enough men to fill the house. Just before the close of school, we initiated Fred Zimmerman, of Evanston, Ill., a Freshman in the Engineering College. Zimmerman is employed this summer on the

Pacific Coast extension of the St. Paul road, with headquarters at Lemon, S. D.

Since the last chapter letter, Gamma Tau has held its annual formal party, which, under the direction of James Bowles, proved to be one of the most delightful events on the Madison social calendar. In June, the graduating Seniors gave a party for their parents and friends.

Schulte has added to the chapter honors by winning the annual competitive drill with his company, and, as a result, he will be colonel of the university regiment next year. Several weeks later our joy was increased when all of our youngsters—and they were the largest bunch of Freshmen we have had—passed their examinations without a condition.

The chapter has been visited recently by several of its alumni, including A. A. Johnson, who introduced us to the entertaining June bride he won at the North Georgia Agricultural College; Jones, of Duluth, Minn.; Gerald J. Blee, of Sandwich, Ill.; J. D. Jones, Jr., of Racine, and Stephen Severson, of Joplin, Mo. Among the brothers from other chapters whose visits have been a great pleasure to us and whose suggestions have proved of value, were Ferman, of Michigan Beta Lambda, and W. C. Smiley, of Minnesota Gamma Nu.

Vosskuehler, of the faculty, has returned from an inspection trip of several weeks to the Universities of Illinois and Cornell. Bowles, of Michigan Beta Lambda, who has been with us two years during which he has been of invaluable assistance, has resigned from the faculty to accept a position in the sanitary district at Panama.

O. F. BRADLEY.

PROVINCE III.

CALIFORNIA GAMMA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The close of a very successful term finds Gamma Iota in very good condition. We graduated C. E. Wood and H. C. Bush. Bush, however, will be with us for two years more, as he is working for an M. D. In college activities we have been well represented. Stoner made the 'Varsity baseball team, an unusual honor for a Freshman. Brand was assistant manager of the *Blue and Gold* and Georgeson was chairman of the Art staff. Sawyer was a member of the Senior Ball Committee and is on the 1911 annual.

Our banquet held on April 10th at the St. Francis Hotel was well attended and the alumni were well represented, many visiting brothers from the East being present. The results of the banquet have been noticeable. Increased interest on the part of the alumni has taken form in the great number of names sent in and the general enthusiasm of the brothers bids well to give us a fine start next term.

During the vacation we have inaugurated a new scheme. A bi-weekly paper is being printed containing breezy news of what the fellows

are doing during the summer months. It is a great help in increasing interest among the alumni and has proved of the greatest value in locating lost brothers. We will issue a secret copy for the active members just before the opening of the house for the new term which will be of importance in aiding our rushing.

H. S. Jones, '08, will be married in the near future to Miss Ethel Phelps. P. H. Lint has left the ranks of the active chapter and has also become a benedict. Bullard reports the house fund in good condition. With the opening of college we will have much better quarters, as our living room has been doubled in size. We offer to all visiting brothers the real hospitality of our order. We were rather disappointed in not being favored with a visit from the Worthy Grand Chief and trust that we may be able to greet him in the near future.

F. T. GEORGESON.

COLORADO GAMMA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

On May 25th we were honored by the visit of Worthy Grand Chief Hickok, who was a commissioner to the meeting in Denver of the Presbyterian General Assembly. On the Saturday preceding his Boulder visit the chapter joined the Denver alumni in a banquet in his honor in Denver.

Seven of our men graduated June 9th—Frank D. Walsh and Hugh F. Wheeler, from the College of Engineering; Louis A. Reilly, from the College of Liberal Arts, and James R. Greenlee, J. Randolph Ballinger, Joseph Garst and William C. Hood, with the degree of LL. B. Hugh Wheeler has a position with the Denver Gas and Electric Company; James Greenlee will be with Rothgerber & Appel, Denver; the other brothers have not as yet made definite plans for the future.

The chapter "C's" (a gold block surrounding a maltese cross), given each year for conspicuous service in the chapter, were awarded to Ranulph Hudston, Frank D. Walsh and Hugh F. Wheeler.

During the summer quite a number of the brothers are pursuing the elusive dollars under the guise of agents for the *Success* magazine.

The year past has been one of marked activity in the chapter. The problems peculiar to a large chapter roll have been for the first time encountered. Socially and in the lines of student activity, the standard of previous years has been maintained.

The visits of the Province Chief and of the Worthy Grand Chief have brought an exceeding helpful stimulus. So far from the center of the fraternity's activity, we have not become surfeited with official visiting. The outlook for the coming year is a bright one.

L. FRAZER BANKS.

IOWA BETA ALPHA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

We will be stronger than usual at the beginning of the first semester. Only two members, Harris and Osborn, were Seniors last year, and these, with perhaps one other, will be our only loss in numbers. With this strong bunch to start with and prospects for some good Freshman material, we expect to make things go this year. Leo Slagg, of Conkling, S. D., was pledged and initiated the latter part of last semester. He was the best on the college pitching staff and did not lose a game.

The close of the year also gave us our usual number of honors. Marshall was elected business manager of the *Simpsonian*, the student publication, and Jenks, editor of the college annual.

Only three of the boys remained here during the summer and the rest are getting ready for more school work by doing the heavies on the farm. From the letters which are received all seem more than ready to get back to the campus and the jolly times we have together.

W. ROY JENKS.

IOWA GAMMA UPSILON—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Gamma Upsilon wishes to introduce as brothers, four new initiates as follows: Dugald Porter, of Davenport, Iowa; Harry Keipp, of Colfax, Iowa; Robert Colvin and Pearl Wilson, of Ames, Iowa. We welcomed these brothers into Alpha Tau in mid-May just before our term party, which came off May 15th.

Our term party, suffice to say, was, as anticipated, a complete success. With a house full of guests and visiting brothers a most enjoyable time was had by all. Not alone, however, was a good time the reward of our efforts, for before the close of it all, we had the undoubted good fortune of making two very promising pledges. At that time we pledged Russel Swift, of Harlan, Iowa, and Ralph White, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Roy W. Crum, who is one of our alumni, but who has been active in the chapter since graduating, was married to Miss Bates, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in June. Crum has been assistant in one of the C. E. drafting rooms heretofore, but will now be professor of one of the branches of drafting, so it is expected that the new couple will make their home at the college next fall, which fact is indeed very agreeable to the chapter.

Dr. H. E. Bemis, also one of our alumni, is practicing Veterinary Medicine in Osborne, Kansas, during vacation and will return to the college this fall to a professorship in the Veterinary Department, which position was conferred upon him last year.

We are expecting to have several of our alumni with us the first few days of next term to visit and help do "rushing stunts." With several new pledges and a line-up on some good men, we are looking forward to a successful term. Gamma Upsilon sends wishes of success to all her sister chapters for the ensuing year.

REX E. EDGEComb.

KANSAS GAMMA MU—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

To say that Kansas Gamma Mu closed the most successful year in her history last spring, and to add that she will begin one which will far surpass it this month, is to voice the opinion of all the active brothers and every member of the Alumni Association who has been watching our movements. Alpha Tau Omega has, within the last two years, gained a foremost reputation among the Greek-letter societies at the University of Kansas, and if she keeps up the pace she has set, and there seems to be no reason why she should not, it will not be long before she is the recognized leader of these organizations.

Last spring we lost by graduation, six men. They were Frank Tyler, Lauren Armsby, Edmund Bartholow, Howard Farnsworth, Leroy Burdick and Herbert Luther. All are now filling responsible positions and bid fair to be men of reputation in the world.

Despite this rather heavy loss from the active chapter, the roll this fall is going to be larger than ever. With the possible exception of one, everyone of our seventeen other members will return. One pledge will also be here and will take the initiatory obligations early this fall. Besides these, Donald Tyler, Eliot Porter, Newton Brigham, "Ben" Forbes and Robert Reid will re-enter school, and together with the new men which are always allowed the privileges and benefits of Alpha Tau Omega each fall, the chapter roll this year will be larger than ever. And it is safe to say that a bunch of better, more loyal and more congenial fellows never gathered together for a common purpose. So, why should we not be optimistic about our future?

The last event before the closing of school last spring was the alumni banquet, held at the chapter house on the Tuesday evening of Commencement week. About twenty of our old men were here for the occasion. Some of them came several hundred miles just to be here, and the loyal and hearty good fellowship there manifest was most admirable. Our alumni are all loyal and generous supporters of our cause, and it is through them that the active chapter expects much co-operation and aid in the building of our new \$20,000 chapter house.

EARL FISCHER.

MINNESOTA GAMMA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Six Alpha Taus, of Minnesota Gamma Nu, graduated in June and have entered into professional or business occupations. Phaon Caldwell and Hayden Trowbridge are practicing physicians; Harry Reid is engaged in the Real Estate business; Harry Carroll is managing a fruit farm in Washington; Clarence Hill is engaged in the Banking business, and Thomas Patterson is taking a vacation. We miss these men very much.

Despite the loss of these men, Gamma Nu chapter will be in very favorable circumstances this fall. Sixteen active men expect to return

and seven pledge men will be put through as soon as possible. Fourteen of this number will be house men. We have a number of prospective men from out of town on our list and by consistent efforts the chapter should be increased to twenty-eight or thirty.

Phaon Caldwell, Howard Williams and McGovern were initiated into the society of Grey Friars, which is a Junior-Senior honor society.

We have been pleased to welcome our brothers from Illinois and Nebraska who have appeared in Intercollegiate games this spring. Among other visitors were Garland and Jorgenson, of Minnesota Gamma Nu.

JOHN MCKENZIE.

MISSOURI GAMMA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Since our last letter to the PALM, we have initiated Ray Wier, of Mexico, Mo., and H. W. Coffin, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. We have pledged Will Dickson, brother of Thomas Dickson, a charter member of Gamma Rho. We expect to return a strong bunch of earnest and active A. T. O's in September. All hope to return early to take part in the rushing season.

At Commencement, we lost two men by graduation. They are Hill and Jones. Hill goes to Eldorado Springs, Mo., where he will begin the practice of medicine. Jones goes to the University of Purdue as Assistant in Chemistry.

We were visited last month by Roy Burdick, of Gamma Mu, who pitched on the K. U. baseball team. Chester Miller, Clair Miller and "Bill" Hunker were Commencement visitors.

WEB. N. JONES.

NEBRASKA GAMMA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The thirteenth annual banquet of Gamma Theta was held at the Lincoln Hotel on the evening of May 22nd, with all the active men and about fifteen of the alumni present, and was a success in every way. Among the alumni present were Dr. E. J. Angle, Claude S. Wilson, George Mosshart, Fred Laird and Dr. C. A. Renolds, who acted as toast-master.

Gamma Theta's men have been active in athletics the past year—five of them making "N's"—Flower and Weaverling in tennis, representing Nebraska in the Intercollegiate Tournament, held at Lawrence, Kan.; Mitchell, winning the Individual Championship in the Western Gymnastic Meet; R. E. Campbell, in the one-hundred yard dash, and Reed in the quarter mile.

This chapter loses only four men this year, two by graduation, Johnson and Shoemaker, and two, L. E. Johnson and Mallery, have quit school to engage in business in Alliance, Neb. Rumer and Reddish are also in Alliance for the summer.

E. R. Morrison, Nebraska Gamma Theta, and Burdick, of Kansas Gamma Mu, visited the chapter the last week of the school year.

C. SHOEMAKER.

WASHINGTON GAMMA PI—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

While we wish to report ourselves fortunate in not losing more than two men this year, we must needs express our regrets owing to the loss of Thomas and Parker, who have received their sheepskins and grabbed the world by the throat. This is the last of the pioneers, so to speak, "the charter getters," and we will certainly miss them around the house when it comes to paying dues. They have watched the chapter grow for three successive years and convinced themselves that they can sit back and give the coming generation a chance.

Very few of the boys are in Seattle this summer, but there is always someone to be found about the house in case anyone comes this way. They have prepared to don their coats of tan and cast aside the books until the leaves begin to fall once more.

Our prospects for next year are very bright. We have a fine new house to help us out in rushing and everybody has declared his intention to buckle into the harness once more. We have one pledge, Claude Cade, Bellingham, Wash., whose father is an Alpha Tau, and several good prospects.

With the men back next year, everything looks good. We will have representatives in every line of college athletics, as well as activities, and with the co-operation of the alumni will make it one of our banner years.

Don't forget to visit us when you come to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition this summer. We are only a few blocks from the grounds and you can always find the front door key hanging out in front.

ELLSWORTH V. VACHON.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

Our Commencement exercises began Sunday, June 6th, with the baccalaureate sermon in the chapel. The exercises continued over Monday and Tuesday, closing Wednesday, June 9th, with the presentation of the degrees.

During the week we entertained several of the alumni brothers and relatives and friends of the active brothers, while on Tuesday evening we held a small banquet at the house at which about eighteen of the alumni attended.

We have received several short visits lately from Chet. Hayes, of Tufts. Immediately upon the close of the exercises, the fellows began to leave Orono to take up their work for the summer.

Bean, of the Civil Engineering Department, has been made Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering.

FRED W. NASON.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE.

With Gamma Alpha and our Alma Mater, Commencement this year was of the first water. The remodeling of the dormitories into fraternity houses has proven a most excellent scheme, and the privileges of the fraternity house, combined with our position on the campus, give us a fine chance to entertain our guests at Commencement and during the college year. Our reunion on the evening of June 28th, called the largest number of our alumni to the chapter hall that has ever returned to test our hospitality. Other brothers from Province IV were also with us. The class of '97 had every man present and held a reunion of their own.

Let us turn to the coming year. Already eight prospective Freshmen wear our button and a dozen are undergoing the A. T. O. scrutiny. We lose seven by graduation, but the brothers of '09 have all been ardent workers. N. P. Merrill is teaching in a Summer School in New York City, and after a year's teaching, will enter a Law School. E. W. Merrill intends to enter the Chicago Episcopal Theological School in the fall. N. E. Wheeler will be instructor in Physics at McGill University and do post-graduate work. Rose enters Harvard this fall and will specialize in English for a Master's degree. Read has been appointed Y. M. C. A. secretary in New Jersey, and will (it is wisely conjectured) be married during the summer.

Just a word about the doings of Gamma Alpha men. During the past term, Rose carried off first honor in the Senior Exhibition, and Ramsden, '10, the second in Junior Exhibition. Dow, '10, and Fogwell, '10, were Junior Day speakers, Dow giving the oration and Fogwell making the presentation of the Class Gift. E. W. Merrill had a Commencement part and N. P. Merrill, '09, gave the Class History. Two of our men missed Phi Beta Kappa by a very small margin. The *Colby Oracle*, our annual, was a grand success, due in most part to A. T. O. members of the staff—E. W. Merrill, '09, as editor-in-chief; Fogwell, '10, as an associate editor, and Rose, '09, as artist. Herrick, '12, was on the baseball squad, and was treasurer of his class. Hussey, '12, and Reynolds, '12, made the track team.

The chapter was shocked to hear on May 22nd, of the death of Barker Gillis Cates, '12, at his home in East Vassaboro, Me. Cates had been sick for some time, but all were looking forward to his recovery, when the news came of his death. Early in the winter he was taken sick with a slight attack of appendicitis and was taken to the Augusta Hospital. While there, typhoid fever set in and at the end of several weeks left him very weak. He came back, however, from the hospital, hoping to be able to return to college after a short period of rest. Nevertheless, he did not make much progress and in a few days he suffered a relapse from which he did not recover. On the day of his death he was cheerful and hopeful, but towards night he had a bad turn and passed

away about 7.00 P. M. The fraternity escorted the body of our brother from the house to the church, where Higginbotham spoke a few loving words for our fraternity. The services at the grave were conducted by the chapter.

Cates, during his short stay in college, won the hearts of all who knew him by his genial nature, his gentle manner, and his hard and patient work. Gamma Alpha can not express her sorrow and regret for our brother, now with his Maker. It is the first time in our history that our chapter has been called upon to attend the funeral of one of our active brothers.

So we have been in the game throughout the year. In every phase of college life we have had our share. With the exception of our brother's death, the year has been very gratifying to us. With the fine forecast for the coming college year, we hope to make it even more successful than the past one.

J. PHILIP FOGWELL.

MASS. BETA GAMMA—MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

June 7, 1909, was Technology Day in Boston. On this day and for several succeeding days, Tech. welcomed "old grads" and other loyal sons who had pigeonholed business cares and journeyed to Boston to lend their enthusiasm at the inauguration of and to pledge their support to our new president, Richard Cockburn MacLauren.

We were glad to find among the visitors several of the alumni of Beta Gamma Chapter; viz., Bell, Regnell and Nichol. Bell has been located in South America; Regnell in Arizona, while Nichol has been employed near Boston.

As Commencement this year was also the occasion for a five-year Technology reunion we were gratified that we were well represented in the graduating class; however, much we dislike to lose these men who had worked for the interests of Beta Gamma chapter during the first years of its re-establishment. By graduation we lose five men, but as all the rest have signified their intention of returning next fall, we feel very optimistic in regard to next year. All of the graduating A. T. O's have secured good positions in their respective lines, which is complimentary, both to the men themselves and to the quality of their training.

The Class Day Executive Committee had two of our men among its numbers—Joslin, who was also Class Historian, and Ferguson, also Permanent Secretary. Recent appointments and elections in student activities resulted in Kimball as secretary of the Co-operative Society; Breyer as president of the Mining Engineering Society, and Bates as one of the associate editors of *The Tech.*, which has recently been changed from a tri-weekly publication to a daily.

We have received a visit from Reed, Vermont Beta Zeta, and Miller, Cornell

J. C. ROGERS.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA—TUFTS COLLEGE.

Class Day and Commencement have passed and finds Gamma Beta occupying an enviable position in the college activities. The program went off very smoothly and great credit is due to Root, chairman of the Class Day Committee, whose efforts were well appreciated. Cousens, president of the class, gave the farewell address, which won the admiration and respect of all.

On June 2nd there was instituted at Tufts a new social activity which promises to become a fixture. This was a Junior play, followed by a dance for the Seniors. Blagbrough had the leading part, while Ritchy and Kinsman were also in the cast.

Swartz was the only man to score at the New England Intercollegiates this spring, getting second in the 4.40. For his consistent work he was re-elected captain of the track team.

Soper and Burgess were elected to Tower Cross, the honorary Senior society, for the coming year. Burgess is also manager of the basketball team, having nearly completed an excellent schedule and is secretary of the Athletic Association. Amsden was elected assistant manager of the baseball team.

May 30th was celebrated the following Monday by a canoe party at Riverhurst on the Concord River. The weather conditions were all that could be desired and a good time was enjoyed by about twenty-five couples. There was only one accident which proved to be more ludicrous than dangerous, and the affair was voted a decided success.

The following Thursday we had our Senior farewell at the house. This is the last time that the active members of the year meet together and also pay their farewell respects to the Seniors. Cousens, Cook, Hubbard and Root leave us this year, while Thorndike and Swartz will return to college.

M. H. HOUGHTON.

MASS. GAMMA SIGMA—WORCESTER POLYTECH. INSTITUTE.

The forty-first Commencement of Tech. took four brothers from our midst. They were four of the founders of this chapter who always had the interest of the chapter at heart, and those of us who remain will miss them, together with their good advice and guidance. They are Mace and Coolidge, who obtained graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering; Schofield, who got his B. S. from the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Perry, who on account of prolonged sickness in the spring, was unable to get his degree.

Since the last letter we have initiated Walter J. Foley, '10, Worcester, Mass. This gives us a membership of twenty who will return in the fall to take up the activities of what promises to be a very successful year.

On June 8th, Williams was married to Miss Sarah A. Belcher, of this city. The reception was attended by the entire active chapter which later gave them a hearty send-off amid lots of A. T. O. enthusiasm and showers of confetti. They now reside at Fort Plain, N. Y., where Williams is in the employ of the State of New York.

W. C. WATSON.

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The chapter has changed its headquarters from a room in the downtown district to one in the basement of Caswell Hall, directly under the eight dormitory rooms which are occupied by members of the chapter. This change is of decided advantage, as it enables us to hold our meetings without going off the campus.

We have lost seven Seniors by graduation. Campbell and Nourse enter Cornell this fall to study for master degrees in Engineering; Hardy may go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Curtis will take a course at Michigan Law School. Johnson enters Rochester Theological Seminary; Richardson takes up Engineering work in Colorado, and Von Bargaen will be principal of a school somewhere in New England.

Nourse was elected to the honorary scientific society, Sigma Xi, last term. His magnificent pitching for the 'Varsity, which was a subject for laudatory comment in a number of newspapers, gained for him an opening on the Boston team of the American League, with whom he has been this summer. Through the games that he pitched for Brown he allowed on an average four hits per game, and by some sporting writers he was ranked the best college pitcher of the season.

Wilmarth, '10, was one of twelve men in his class to make the Cammarian Club, the leading undergraduate organization, composed of members of the Senior Class. Richardson, '11, was elected to the Junior society, Pi Kappa. Gleason, '11, was elected one of the three representatives of his class for membership on the board of directors of the Athletic Association.

The time of the next conclave of Province IV, to be held in Providence, February 21 and 22, 1910, is drawing near, and we hope that the other chapters in the province will begin to make plans for being well represented. At this time we also plan to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of Gamma Delta chapter. Information with regard to the conclave will be sent out this fall.

ROBERT F. SKILLINGS.

VERMONT BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Beta Zeta has finished an uneventful year, but one that has been marked by steady progress. We have been rather unfortunate in keeping men this year, having lost several through sickness and other causes.

But with an active chapter of ten men who are sure to re-enter in the fall, Beta Zeta is going to "Horse-shed," as rushing is termed at the University of Vermont, as she never did before. We have already pledged one good "Sub-Freshman," and another is nearly landed.

We lose two brothers by graduation this summer. Chase goes to Peru, South America, where he has a fine situation as assaying chemist with the Cerro de Pasco Mining Company. Crowell goes to St Paul, to enter the operating department of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co.

Beta Zeta has no high honor men this Commencement, but Chase came very near wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key. In athletics, Donahue has made his "V" in track this spring, while Van Brunt ably captained the Sophomore baseball team. Lee was the manager of the 1912 basketball team, which took second place in the inter-class series, while the correspondent managed the 1912 track team, which captured the inter-class meet by a large margin. Most of the men have scattered now, either going home, or to various parts of the country to work, but we are going to meet again next September, ready for another year's work for Alpha Tau Omega.

M. B. WHITE.

PROVINCE V.

NEW YORK ALPHA, OMICRON—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have been busily engaged in college, as well as fraternity, along the athletic and literary line. Not only were we well represented on the baseball team, but Watson was leader of the debating team, which defeated the Middlebury College team at Middlebury, Vt., on May 28th. Williams won the individual cup on Field Day, while Dodds tied with another contestant for second place. On May 14th occurred the Tree Holiday festivities. Laidlaw and Welch, chairmen of the Sophomore and Freshman Committees, respectively, were instrumental in making the underclassmen part of the occasion most successful.

Many of our alumni were back for Commencement and the alumni banquet, which occurred on the evening of June 7th in the chapter house parlors. Attorney N. F. Giffin, '95, acted as toastmaster, while the following responded: Prof. R. D. Ford, '85; J. W. Hannon, '05; H. M. Conkey, '99, and C. W. Appleton, '97. Among the other alumni present were Attorney Thomas Woods, Syracuse, N. Y.; B. S. O'Neil, Massena, N. Y.; Judge C. S. Ferris and Francis L. Perkins, Potsdam, N. Y.; Assistant District Attorney J. C. Dolan, Gouverneur, N. Y.; G. H. Partridge, W. V. Abbott and C. H. Hoard, of New York, N. Y.; A. J. Fields, Winthrop, N. Y.; G. C. Terry, Albany, N. Y.; Profs. E. L. Hulett and F. W. Storrs, B. S. Stevens, J. W. Benton, W. C. Priest, W. G. Kimball, J. A. O'Brien and L. B. Stevenson, of Canton, N. Y.

E. A. Thornton, of Chicago, Ill., and William Coats, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., were visitors during the week of Commencement.

A. Calder was chosen as one of the four Commencement speakers. R. G. Calder, as head of the Junior Prom. Committee, managed to make the Prom. one of the best held in years. VanBrocklin is manager and Laidlaw, assistant manager, of the *Laurentian*, the university magazine. R. G. Calder, '10, had to decline the editorship of the same magazine on account of having already too much responsibility. Bird is manager of the football team; VanBrocklin is manager of the basketball team; Watson is assistant manager of the baseball team, and R. G. Calder is this year's football and basketball captain.

With our present condition and six men pledged, we feel that Alpha Omicron is still holding its own in St. Lawrence.

DWIGHT E. TIMMERMAN.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA—MUHLENBERG COLLEGE.

Six active men of our chapter were graduated on Commencement Day, two of whom, however, Reed and Fasig, expect to continue in our midst for another year in pursuance of a post-graduate course in Chemistry, so that with these two men back and with two men already pledged, we anticipate a chapter of sixteen men with which to begin the new year. As to our other graduates, Bossard is going to take a special course in English at U. P.; Stettler has decided to take a course in Architecture at U. P., while Rudolph and Nonermaker are going to take up Theology, the former at Gettysburg and the latter at Mt. Airy.

Commencement week, June 14-17, proved to be a continuous round of pleasures, as well as honors for us. On Tuesday night, the Dramatic Association presented "Ingomar," a production of high literary value, in a manner worthy of much praise. Bossard portrayed and interpreted the character of Ingomar admirably well; Rudolph took the part of one of the leading feminine characters, and Romig and Hartzell assumed the rough characteristics of barbarians for the occasion.

We may incidently and appropriately state here that our chapter holds scholastic attainments of vast account and cherishes all efforts of encompassing such an end. For some years past, our chapter has made a splendid showing in this direction. This year, glad to say, we do not fall below the criterion made in previous time. Bossard represented us on the honor roll, and on Commencement delivered the Philosophical oration. Honors were also bestowed upon Hartzell in the shape of a ten-dollar prize for having attained the highest standing in the Sophomore Class. Honorable mention, too, was made of Frederick in the Freshman English Contest.

As an appropriate wind-up of the week, a smoker was given at our new quarters, 1519 Chew Street. Many of our alumni, who attended the various Commencement functions, were present with smiling countenances and ears attentive to "King Max's Reminiscences." We were also pleased to welcome several visitors from our sister chapters.

JOHN E. HARTZELL.

PA. ALPHA PI—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Another school year has just been brought to a close. In a way we are both glad and sorry. We are glad when we look forward to a summer vacation after the last two hot months of school, and we are sorry because our chapter loses two active members. We lose by graduation this year, Hayes and Allshouse, but the latter will probably be around most of the time next year, as he has accepted a position as instructor in the Preparatory Department of the college. We have three good men entering school from the Academy next year, and Thompson and James, both of the class of 1911, expect to enter school again. The annual picnic of the Senior Class was held on the 19th and the "Hop" on the 22nd. The many couples present at both affairs thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

An inter-fraternity baseball league was organized this year and many close and exciting games were played during the spring term. With a great deal of coaching, Gladden developed into a first-class slab artist and had the opposing batsmen completely at his mercy, but at times he was inclined to be too lenient.

Most of the PALM readers have heard of the marriage of Elder W. Marshall, chief of this Province. It came as quite a surprise to us, but nevertheless we wish to extend heartily the glad right hand and join with the other chapters in the best wishes for happiness.

EARL W. BOOZ.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Commencement having come and gone, we here note the closing events of the college year 1908-09, and look forward to the fall semester.

Instead of the usual June house party, we made a special effort to get as many of our alumni back this year as possible. Perley, Morsack, Raine, Barwis, Reno, Smull and Smith were with us around Commencement week.

Our '09 men, Young, Dietrich, Wolfe, Hagenbuch, C. Keife and H. Keife are variously located. Their addresses will be in the hands of the W. K. A. early in September.

The chapter house will be open a large part of the summer for the occupation of the brothers who remain for summer school. The chapter has renewed the lease of the house we now occupy. We earnestly hope and expect to have something more tangible regarding a house of our own in the near future.

To any Taus knowing of desirable men entering Lehigh this year, we make a request for early advice of this fact. We trust that this issue may appear in sufficient time to make such notice possible.

J. M. TOOHY

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON—GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Another school year has drawn to a close and Alpha Upsilon loses by graduation five real, live, hustling Alpha Taus, and it is hard to see how we can fill the places thus left vacant.

During the spring term, Alpha Upsilon was certainly well represented in all the different phases of college life. Bloomhardt was valedictorian of his class, while Raby was among the honor men. In athletics, A. T. O. carried off her share of honors. Raby was captain of the track team, and Wentzel and Zinn were on the team. Zinn, especially, deserves praise for the wonderful showing he made. Zinn does 100 yards in 10 seconds flat. On the baseball team, we were ably represented by Breitenreiter, who held down first base and played a good consistent game. We also had a "frat" team of championship calibre, winning four out of five games.

We had our big annual banquet on May 31st, and such a time as we did have. Good cheer and good-fellowship reigned supreme, and we lived over again the ever memorable Congress banquet at Pittsburgh. Raby acted as toastmaster and Menges, '96, delivered an inspiring address on "Alpha Tau Omega Spirit," and we all went away feeling more enthusiastic than ever for A. T. O. The next night we terminated the year with our annual house dance, which was one of the most brilliant functions of the year.

Our prospects for next year are very bright. Seven men will return to college, which, with three pledges, will raise our active chapter to ten men to start with, and we have our eyes on several good men who expect to enter college in the fall and Alpha Tau Omega will continue to maintain her high standard at Gettysburg. All the men have promised to come back early for the rushing season, and we feel certain we will be able to land several good men.

WM. H. BURD.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The college year just passed has witnessed great activity in the ranks of Pennsylvania Tau. Whenever candidates were called for anything whatsoever, Alpha Tau Omega had some representatives in the field. In studies the fellows acquitted themselves admirably. Within the chapter proper, the bonds which hold us together were, if possible, even more closely bound.

Six places are made vacant by graduation. Sewell, who has been in the chapter for seven years, is now an M. D., and has received an appointment as interne in the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Caldwell intends to take up the practice of Architecture in New York City. Williams and Lafane will enter the business world, the former at Ithaca, N. Y., and the latter at York. Gebhart and Hall return to Dayton, Ohio, as architects. The graduation of these men considerably weakens

the chapter. In spite of this we are looking forward to September with the determination to advance.

We have initiated Oliver Stodgen Edminston, '11, Mechanical Engineer, of Philadelphia, and Hugh Aloyisius Dawson, of Scranton.

Bailey, '08, who has been on leave of absence, will return to the active chapter in the fall.

Caldwell, '09, was art editor of the 1909 *Record*. This book is granted to be the most artistic ever published at the university. He was also a member of the Ivy Ball Committee.

Under the guidance of Williams, '09, the musical clubs had a most successful season. Lafean, Vandervoort, '10, Davis, '11, Elliot and Van Sweringen, '12, were members of the clubs. Van Sweringen was the chief soloist. Two of the big hits of the season were "In the Shade of Her Pink Parasol," the music of which was written by Lafean, and "For Penn and the Red and Blue," by Williams. Both of these pieces were used by the Mask and Wig in their annual show.

Vandervoort and Bates were members of the Mask and Wig Chorus. Performances were given in Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and in this city.

Ochs, '09, was a member of the Senior Banquet Committee, while Williams was on the Class Day Committee.

MacDonald and Ferguson, '10, are members of the Friars Senior Society. The latter is to row at Poughkeepsie in the 'Varsity Four.

Whiteside, '10, is an editor on each of the university papers, *The Pennsylvanian*, *The Red and Blue* and *The Punch Bowl*.

Taber, '11, wrestled at the Sophomore Cremation, and Moore, '12, represented the Freshmen as a lightweight in the May Day Sports.

Dawson and Van Sweringen, '12, are on the Sophomore Poster Fight Committee. The former is secretary of the Civil Engineering Society.

Under the nimble hands of Brother Roy Thomas, the 'Varsity baseball team was moulded from the rawest of material, into an aggregation of which we are justly proud.

Our prospects for the coming year are very bright. In football we have Swartz, from Pennsylvania College, who will be eligible for the 'Varsity, together with Dawson, of last year's Freshman 'Varsity. Taber, Swartz and Stoeveer will try for the wrestling team, of which Whiteside is the manager. In addition, a number of the fellows will be out for basketball and track. Ferguson and Stoeveer will represent us in the fall crew squad.

WILLIAM J. RYNICK.

PROVINCE VI.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 2nd, while the Commencement festivities were in full blast, fire originated in our chapter house from some unknown cause. All of the chapter and the visiting alumni were at the afternoon German, the water pressure was very low and while the firemen of the village and others did splendid work, it was of no avail.

All of the furniture on the first floor was saved, but the greatest loss to us can not be replaced. The letters since the founding of the chapter, a complete set of minutes and archives, the new card files of alumni and an almost complete set of the PALM were destroyed.

Before the conflagration had ended, a meeting was held and it was decided at once to rebuild. A handsome amount was raised on the spot, an architect written to at once, and we hope and expect to see a new and much larger chapter house well under construction before the opening of the coming session in September. Owing to the kindness of President Venable the fraternity will occupy the old infirmary next year.

Hill, A. B., M. S., Burgwin, Haigh and Pearson were back for Commencement.

R. S. McNeill and Donald C. McRae were the Alpha Taus among the five ball managers. J. S. Patterson was Commencement marshal, and Burgwin, an honorary ball manager. L. T. Avery has been elected president of German Club for the coming year.

Stewart and Tate have entered the banking business and will not return to college.

Donald Ray will enter the Harvard Law School in the fall. McNeill and McRae, D. C., will be back to study law.

Duncan MacRae and Elder Bayley will both return for advanced work in Chemistry and Forestry, respectively.

Our Freshmen prospects are very good and we hope to land about five men in September and rise from our misfortunes to the high place we have always held here.

DONALD RAY.

NORTH CAROLINA XI—TRINITY COLLEGE.

Nothing of importance has happened with us since our last letter. Our annual banquet was a splendid success and our Commencement in general was a most enjoyable occasion.

We lost three men in this year's graduating class: Cole, Flowers and Doss.

We are still holding our own on the campus, easily getting our share of all the college honors. Alpha Tau Omega is pretty well represented here in every phase of college activity.

John Cole served the season as manager of the Glee Club and he was supported on the club by McIntosh and A. E. Burgess.

A. E. Burgess, Wilson and two or three more of our men served as Commencement marshals under an Alpha Tau Omega grand-chief, C. S. Warren.

Flowers caught during the season behind the bat in the baseball team, and Hutchinson made the team just about the time the season closed.

Hanes captained the Sophomore baseball team to a school championship, and several more of our men served on their respective class teams.

Joe Burgess and Matton made the Inter-Society Debate, each representing opposing teams. Quite a number of our fellows won scholastic honors and honorable mention in their courses.

W. G. MATTON.

VIRGINIA BETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The year 1908-09 closed on June 16th, after three days of finals, and, needless to say, the dancing men in the chapter thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the time.

Virginia Beta certainly had her share of honors this year, and we hope to do as well again.

Armentrout was president of the "Sophs" and also won his letters in football. He is a member of the Cotillion Club, the P. A. N. and the Sigma ribbon societies.

Anderton won the annual Washington and Lee Marathon in the fall, also winning his letters on the track in the spring.

L'Engle was a member of the Cotillion Club and also of the Dramatic Club.

Humphreys received his B. S., but expects to return next year.

We are sorry to say that Hughes, Baker, L'Engle, Hopkins, Marks and McLure will not be with us again, but we wish them success in any field they may enter. Though the places of the above men will be hard to fill, we have hopes of a few good "goats" to help the cause along.

We are glad to be able to announce that Francis H. Smith, V. M. I., '71, will teach Mathematics at his Alma Mater next year.

We had very enjoyable visits from H. D. Porter, '07, J. F. Thompson, Jr., ex-'10, and Wallace Newberger, of Kentucky Mu Iota.

E. S. HUMPHREYS.

VIRGINIA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Virginia Delta is looking forward to a most prosperous year. We expect to return six out of our ten active members, and expect to have Harper Caldwell as an interne in the University Hospital. The whole chapter regrets very much the loss by graduation of G. W. Alexander, A. S. Bolling and W. H. Sadler.

We are going in with the idea of getting about eight "goats," and at present each man of the chapter has his eye out for one.

Our chapter house is soon to become a realization, for our alumni are greatly interested, and we intend to start building in the fall, hoping to have our "house warming" about Easter time.

We were all glad to see Lang elected president of the Medical Class of 1910. Carl Walker, Virginia's star pitcher, also did us great credit in the box this season.

This spring the fraternity baseball league was organized, but sad to relate we were badly defeated in the first game of the series. Phi Sigma Kappa won the championship after a hard fight with the S. A. E's.

This year Virginia Delta hopes to be able to entertain her alumni more and to keep in closer touch with them.

J. A. MYERS.

PROVINCE VII.

OHIO ALPHA NU—MT. UNION COLLEGE.

The year which was ended June 17th, was a most prosperous one for Alpha Nu. Although the greater part of the men had been in the fraternity but a short time when the school year opened, yet each one took hold of the work like veterans, and consequently the results were very satisfactory. Since our last letter, we have initiated Bowles, Gibson, Fritchley and King, and, as none of the active men went out with the class of '09, we will have about fourteen to start the new year. We already have a line on several new men who will enter school this fall.

We had but one man in the graduating class—Supt. J. W. Moore, of Leetonia, who had completed his course the previous summer, and went out with this year's class.

Alpha Nu has been "the whole thing" in athletics this year, with four men on the 'Varsity football team, three on the basketball team, and four on the greatest baseball team ever sent out from Mt. Union, which won every game on the schedule, and beating, among others, Wooster, who held the State championship in the Big Nine. As all of these men will be in school this fall, we expect to accomplish as great a record, if not greater than in the last year.

We are also in the running for the scholarship honors, Geiger winning the Stamp prize for the greatest proficiency in German.

A large number of our alumni were back for Commencement, and on the evening of June 17th, we held a smoker for them at the "frat" rooms, and had a general good time.

On June 18th, we held our annual picnic and outing at Sandy Lake, near Ravenna, O.

Three of the boys, Geiger, King and Fritchley, were in school during the summer term.

All indications foretell that the coming year will be a most successful one for Mt. Union, and we are formulating our plans to make Alpha Nu the greatest factor in the institution.

PERCEY M. NULTON.

OHIO ALPHA PSI—WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

School closed at Wittenberg on June 3rd. The graduating class was large, but among its number were to be found the names of no members of Alpha Tau Omega. All but three of our twenty men will return to school in September. Of these three, Dean expects to go to Ohio State; Beach to Ohio Wesleyan, while Shearer will remain in Springfield.

For next fall we already have three pledges. These men were pledged during the last semester, but are not eligible for initiation until school opens in the fall.

During the last week in May, we moved out of our house on North Fountain Avenue, and as yet have not been able to secure a house that is suitable to our needs. We have several good houses in line, however, and will be more conveniently located this coming year than we were during the past one.

The Alpha Psi Chapter House Association is still working to obtain a house for us, that we may indeed call our own. We fully expected to be able to move into a house of our own by the coming September. Although we have been unable to reach that end, we will be in a position to build some time during the fall.

Before the close of school plans were laid for the chapter's mid-summer banquet at which all those who possibly can will be present.

We regret to say that our social affairs next year will be limited to a certain number by a special ruling which will affect all the fraternities alike.

With the coming of the football season we will be well represented on the team. Two of the men who played last year will, without a doubt, retain their old positions.

ARTHUR C. DALE.

OHIO BETA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta finished the spring term of the past college year with flying colors and the prospects for the coming one are most encouraging to say the least. We lost but two men this last year, and as three of those who dropped out during the year are returning this fall, we will have fifteen to start with, not counting doubtfuls. We have lost two men, who, however, have meant as much to Beta Eta in the last four years as any other men in the history of the chapter. They were Potts and Blue. Their popularity at Wesleyan and the good they have done for A. T. O. will long be remembered.

The biggest event socially at Beta Eta during the term was the sixth annual alumni banquet, held at the house at Commencement. Covers were laid for fifty and the event proved a big success. Six lively toasts were responded to, the Worthy Grand Chief acting as symposiarch.

Among the alumni who returned for the occasion were O. W. Carpenter, Cleveland; G. R. Kingham, South Branch, Mich.; C. C. Cleland, Greenwich; C. C. Callin, Syracuse, N. Y.; R. O. Bowdle, Salt Lake; L. H. Murray, South Charleston; Albert Horn, Lorain; Charles Alexander, Newark, N. J. Each fraternity at Wesleyan is allowed but one "function" during the year. This is our "function," but we manage to run in every semi-occasion a party too small to be called a function and still keep up the social end of things. In athletics we are in the fore front as usual, being represented on the baseball nine by Potts, Daniels and McRae; in track by Daniels and Bar, and in tennis by Bare. Potts proved himself a veritable piece of "Tangl-foot" in center field, while Backstop Daniels and Pitcher McRae formed an A. T. O. battery that shocked the State. Daniels was elected captain of next year's team. Daniels was the individual star of the track team, winning the most points in the Big Six, and was also a member of Wesleyan's unbeaten relay team. The tennis team, of which Bare is a member, are State champions in the doubles. Little and Spahr both look good for this fall's football team.

Our plan for purchasing a home, which was instigated some time ago, has materialized and a system of promissory notes, signed by the alumni and active chapter, has been started. An association has been formed, a board of directors elected and plans are under way for building a new house or purchasing and remodeling the present one.

We wish to announce the pledging of J. L. Spahr and John Paullin, of Jamestown, whom we feel certain will both do us credit. McRae and Inskeep were initiated during the spring term

CARL S. JACKSON.

OHIO BETA MU—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

We hate to tell a hard luck story, so we will begin with the most pleasant things and allow the others to follow. It is not necessary to give a resume of Wooster's work during the past year. Let it be enough to say that it has been distinctly a Wooster year, and decidedly an Alpha Tau year. Wooster's championship baseball team can not be passed, especially since five Alpha Taus contributed to the victories. Shontz has been declared by Chief Zimmer, of Cleveland, the best yet in the line of a college pitcher and both the Philadelphia and Cleveland managements of the American League are casting anxious looks in his direction, making it extremely probable that he will break into big league company at once, unless his loyalty to Wooster prevents his entering professional ranks before he completes his college course.

Scholarship can not be overlooked. Two out of the three male speakers on Commencement Day were Alpha Taus, and if Wooster had a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, a hope which will be realized in the near

future, at least three Alpha Taus would have been eligible. In the persons of Bunn and Blankenhorn, Alpha Tau shone in the class play, "Alabama." Guinther was third in the contest for the Edward Taylor Scholarship prize, and not a man in the fraternity "flunked." Literary societies and clubs have had their full quota from Alpha Tau Omega and have benefited thereby. We have been first and foremost in the student musical activities.

We need not say anything of social life. When the conclave meets here next year, we intend to give a practical demonstration of our pre-eminence in that department.

The sad part of this letter comes in telling of the men who are to leave us. First and foremost, we regret the departure of St. John, coach of athletics, who has brought Wooster from the cellar championship to the genuine brand, and has won the esteem and respect of all in and around Wooster. He has accomplished much for Beta Mu. He goes next year to Ohio Wesleyan as Athletic Coach. Success to him against everyone except Wooster. Of the graduates, Meldrum takes up journalism with the *Cleveland News*. Bunn goes to Ashtabula Harbor as High School Principal at a salary of \$1,000. Paul Wilson will devote himself to agriculture. Blankenhorn will teach, but is not definitely located. Of the rest of the chapter, Honeywell takes up advertising with a large Cleveland firm; Blaser will teach, though not definitely located, and Guinther will be an instructor in Mt. Gilead High School. Herbert expects to go to Case School next year. Caldwell goes to Princeton next year to take his Ph. D. This leaves nine in the active chapter for the start of the year, with two pledges.

Karl Compton expects to affiliate and Gee expects to be back, as does also MacIntosh. If faculty rulings were not so stringent we believe we could pledge enough men at once to make a normal chapter. Under the present requirements, however, no one may be initiated until after the first semester, so that we shall find it a little rough sledding just at the start. However, Alpha Tau pluck and energy have always won in the past and we have confidence and hopes for the future.

ROBERT GUINThER.

OHIO BETA OMEGA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

All the men have gone to their respective homes and are engaged in such business as may earn them a few dollars.

Our graduates, Sheidler and Risser, remained to take part in the graduation exercises, which are now, however, over.

The chapter had a very good scholastic standing at the close of this term, and one of our members, Sheidler, made Sigma Xi, over which we felt very highly complimented.

The new house movement is progressing very nicely and we hope to have a home of our own in a very few years. However, at present we will remain at 32 East 17th Avenue.

In the past year we have been well represented on the gridiron, baseball and basketball fields, and we think we will have better success in the year to come.

During the last year we had several informal rushing parties and believe that we have some very good men under our thumbs. The outlook for next year is certainly very bright.

Judge Baggott, of Dayton, O., was present at the last monthly smoker and gave a talk which the boys will remember for some time. We thank him, and he will find the doors of Beta Omega open to him at any time, as will also any other man who wears the Maltese Cross.

C. BRUMBAUGH.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA—WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY.

The school year is over and Gamma Kappa may feel proud of herself. This has been our banner year for accomplishing some of the many things sought for, in order to make our fraternity what it should be. The first term we started the table and now it is an institution which we can not get along without. One of the best things we have done this year was to move into a larger and better house. It is a thing we have needed for the past two years on account of our increasing size. Now we have a large and elegantly located house which will help us immensely in our fall rushing. Without doubt it is the finest of any of the fraternity houses at Reserve and it will afford us opportunities which our old house did not have. We will assuredly take advantages of any such opportunities and get the best Freshmen that enter college. Our new home is on Adelbert Road, directly opposite the campus and we can walk to any of the buildings inside of two minutes.

While we have been paying attention to improvements, we have not been lacking in college activities. In athletics we have obtained eight "R's" through the efforts of our fellows; three in football, one in basketball, two in baseball and two in track. Besides this, Barney, our all-around athlete, made a splendid showing in the Western Conference Meet, taking second place in the high hurdles, when such colleges as Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin were represented. Barney was also elected to captain the basketball team for next year.

Perhaps the best social function we had was our annual Alpha Tau Omega picnic, which we held on June 11th. * It was certainly a success. We had the most congenial crowd of girls imaginable and from the start to the finish we had a continual round of pleasure.

On June 17th, the Commencement exercises were held and with the outgoing class we lost two of our best men, Berry and Troyon. We will

feel their loss, but at the same time we know that they will make truly loyal alumni. This year two of our men had the great honor bestowed on them of becoming members of Phi Beta Kappa—Berry, a Senior, and Rook, a Junior. Berry also took third honors in his class.

At this date most of the fellows have taken up their summer work and are getting in trim for another successful year at school.

S. H. SMITH.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY MU IOTA—KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter has adjourned for the summer vacation, and a few of our active members will not be with us next year, but the greater part will be in line to push the baby chapter to the front.

Since our last letter we have initiated the following men into Alpha Tau Omega: G. S. Dunlap, C. C. Kelley, J. M. Sprague, W. C. Nollau, P. M. Riefkin, H. C. Robinson, W. B. Wendt, G. F. Brockman and T. H. Cutler. All of these excepting Mr. Dunlap were our alumni. Most of the alumni were initiated during Commencement week. Some of them were not initiated until later, the chapter staying for the work.

C. D. Wells and J. F. Chambers, of our chapter, received degrees from the university this year, and both have already secured good positions.

R. M. Hailey, who has been in Springfield, Ill., for several months holding a position, will be back with us next year.

W. A. WALLACE.

TENN. ALPHA TAU—SOUTHWESTERN PRES. UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Tau closed a very successful year on June 9th, having initiated six men, all of whom have been introduced to the fraternity at large. Not only Alpha Tau, but the whole university has been imbued with new life. The Commencement exercises were unusually encouraging to us, who love the old school. The town people are taking a new interest in its affairs, the alumni are enthusiastic, and the boys are boosting Prof. Dinwiddie, who has been the vice-chancellor, has been elected chancellor to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Woods.

The prospects for the coming year are bright. There are now more students attending the university than at any time during the past ten years, and in September there will be a good increase.

All of our brothers are enjoying their vacations wherever they are and are looking forward to the time when the Maltese Cross shall again call them to new duties and pleasures.

O. W. BUSCHGEN.

TENNESSEE BETA PI—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Vanderbilt witnessed its most successful season with the close of the 1908-09 school year. Since the installation of Beta Pi chapter, back in the eighties, a more enthusiastic or successful chapter has never been recorded in the annals of Alpha Tau at Vanderbilt. Nearly every brother enrolled distinguished himself in some phase of university life, either in the class room or on the athletic field. Tansil Moore, Whitman and Young graduated with high honors and some five or six others were promoted to the Senior Class with enviable records.

But the chief accomplishment of the present chapter was the organization of an active alumni association among the A. T. O's of Nashville and its vicinity. On June 3rd, sixty plates were spread in the large hall at the chapter house on Hays Street, and the prospective members of the new association were delightfully banqueted by the fraternity. Rousing speeches were made by McGehee and Canale, of the local chapter, and Bradley Walker, R. L. Jones and R. W. Billington responded on behalf of the alumni. After this, election of officers was in order and Dr. R. W. Billington was chosen president; R. L. Jones, vice-president, and W. E. Bolling, secretary and treasurer. The present organization bids fair to outrival any former alumni association ever had among Alpha Taus in Nashville. Quite a number of old members have expressed themselves as desirous of becoming members of the active alumni, which is in itself an encouraging feature.

The officers and committee are daily at work and the highest interest is manifest in the ultimate success of the movement.

There is another piece of work done by the present chapter which deserves special mention, and that is the scheme for building a new fraternity house. Nearly \$2,000 was subscribed by the active members of the fraternity and it is expected that after the canvas has been made among the alumni, a sufficient amount of money will be on hand to begin building. No definite plans have as yet been adopted, but an able committee composed of both members of the chapter and of the alumni have charge of the work, and it is possible that the next few years will witness Alpha Tau Omega in a beautiful house of its own.

The last regular meeting of the fraternity was held on the evening of June 5th, and was attended by a number of the alumni. The work of the year was reviewed with the highest satisfaction and elaborate plans for the coming school term were discussed. From the present outlook, things are shaping themselves most favorably and in 1909-10, Alpha Tau Omega at Vanderbilt will surely be heard from with double barrel effect.

Only three members were lost this year by graduation and practically the same chapter will return in September to renew the good work that Alpha Tau Omega is doing at Vanderbilt.

PHIL M. CANALE

TENNESSEE BETA TAU—UNION UNIVERSITY.

Commencement has gone, but not without honors for our chapter. Wauford won the medal given by President Conger for the best oration among the literary societies. Sullivan was awarded a medal for the most improvement in his society.

We were unfortunate during the spring in losing Carmack, M. E. Ward and H. Ward, but we hope to have M. E. and H. Ward with us again in the fall.

We wish to introduce to the brothers, J. A. Johnson, who has been initiated since our last letter. We now have one pledge for next year.

In examinations, we are glad to say that not a single man of our chapter "flunked" any study. We are all proud of this.

Herron is attending a family reunion in Arkansas. Dean, Wauford and Sullivan are at their respective homes. They all report that they are having a good time, and that they will come back next year and work hard for A. T. O.

E. R. BOONE.

TENNESSEE OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Commencement of the university was at its height on June 14th, when a loyal and devoted Alpha Tau, Dr. Benjamin Lawton Wiggins, vice-chancellor of the University of the South, died suddenly at his home here at Sewanee. Of course, all Commencement entertainments were called off and only the functions necessary for the completion of the term were held.

Omega had planned to give a dance on the morning of the 17th, but, of course, fraternity, as well as university festivities, were postponed indefinitely.

Sewanee loses another devoted A. T. O., for Brother Jervey, ex-Province Chief and Professor of Greek, has decided to go to Columbia to take a special course in English. Omegas are sad over his loss, not only because his classes are the most pleasant, but because his help has been invaluable in keeping the business of the chapter correctly.

We fear the loss of S. and W. McGowan, Sacket, King, Ravenel, Stoney and Mitchell will mean a serious depletion of our ranks, but about this time in every year the prospects for both schools and fraternities look much blacker than they really are, so we will attempt to pull out of the hole as we have done before and wish every chapter of the fraternity the best of luck in every way, but especially in the rushing and pledging of new men for the year of 1909-10.

FRANK H GAILOR.

TENNESSEE PI—UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Tennessee Pi chapter is looking forward to a most successful year, and judging from present prospects this pleasant anticipation will be fulfilled. About fourteen old men will re-enter school and with these as a foundation we should be exceptionally strong. We will be installed in a new chapter house, a realization of a vision which we have been seeing many years.

A new faculty rule will be in force here this year, prohibiting the fraternities represented at Tennessee from pledging and initiating men until they have passed their first term examinations, which means that they must have been at college five months before they can enter a fraternity. This rule should prove a good one, as it will protect both the fraternities and the new men. Last year was a successful one for Alpha Tau. We won distinction in every branch of college life. In baseball we were represented by Ware and Dibbrell, who played first base and third, respectively, upon the 'Varsity. Both played excellent ball, although Ware was handicapped with a sprained ankle most of the season. Tennessee again annexed the Southern Championship, making two successive years we have performed that feat.

Benton White was Art editor of the *Volunteer*, our annual, this feature being the principal attraction of the 1909 issue.

The majority of our men acquitted themselves credibly in their studies, thus upholding Alpha Tau's standing in scholarship. It is our earnest hope that Tennessee Pi will be as successful in the coming year's work as it was during the past scholastic year.

FRED C. HOUK.

The Greek World.

By HENDREE P. SIMPSON, Associate Editor.

Phi Gamma Delta was scheduled to meet in its 61st "Ekklesia" at Detroit, August 4-6. It is noted that the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the famous evangelist, is a member of this fraternity.



The 40th "Karnea" of Delta Tau Delta is to meet at Pittsburgh (the "New Fort Pitt" Hotel, not the Schenley), August 24-28.



Beta Theta Pi announces that its 70th annual convention descends on Put-in-Bay Island, Lake Erie, on August 3-6.



Sigma Chi held its 29th "Grand Chapter" in Chicago, June 30-July 2.



Phi Delta Theta, at its last convention held in Pittsburgh, changed the date of future conventions from November to August. The *Scroll* says that the proposal to change was carried unanimously, and its editorial remarks are worth quoting.

A summer convention will be quite different from a winter convention. The convention of 1910 will be held at a summer resort, and it will not have some of the social features to which we have been accustomed. No burden of expense will be laid on the local alumni. The convention will simply take care of itself. There may not be a large number of young ladies present, in which case there will be no elaborate ball. Of course, there will not be any theatre party. We are not sure

that there need be a smoker, and there are a good many who would be entirely satisfied if this feature should be eliminated. But there will be a great deal of out-of-door life, veranda talks and informal conferences. We believe that those in attendance will have more opportunities of getting acquainted at a meeting held in August than at one held in November. If members from the different sections become more intimately acquainted than has been customary at winter conventions, the change to summer will in that very important respect be a great improvement. We believe that the convention of 1910 will be a very social affair. At least it will be so different from previous conventions that everybody has a particular incentive to be there, to see what it will be like and how it will differ from former experiences.



At the Sigma Nu convention held in Chicago last December, the price of the *Delta* was raised to \$2.00 per annum, the annual appropriation for the same was cut to the extent of \$2,000, and alumni chapters will be compelled to subscribe for ten copies annually. The *Delta* has probably been the most expensive of all the Greek magazines to publish, has been the most voluminous, and in some respects one of the handsomest.



At the annual convention of Alpha Kappa Kappa (Med.) held in New Orleans last February, we note from the *Centaur* that our brother, Garland Dupre, Beta Upsilon, '89, delivered the address of welcome for the mayor on behalf of the city.



The D. K. E's must have had a good-sized convention the last time, held in New York and other places, for the *Quarterly*, without giving the convention figures, says that 800 were present at the banquet of which some 450 were alumni! That was going some and even a little more. The most important business transacted was a provision for the publication of a new catalogue, it being twenty years since one has appeared which met the requirements of the fraternity.



However, judging from the official photographs, the 61st convention of Theta Delta Chi, held last February in Boston, had the Dekes beaten well from the standpoint of attendance.

It's unusual and unsatisfying that no convention figures are given by either official magazine. A couple of Theta Delt writers actually complained that the gathering was too big from both a business and a social standpoint. The *Shield* reports only 444 subscribers out of a graduate membership of 4495. This fraternity has a peculiar custom in that both its secretary and treasurer are selected from the undergraduates; proposals for a change in the custom, or law, are however to be submitted to the fraternity and the *Shield* is seriously in favor of taking these officers from among the graduate members.



The *Alpha Tau Palm* says: "The professional and honorary fraternities wherein an Alpha Tau may become initiated should be accurately defined. It is a question of grave doubt whether an ardent Alpha Tau is of much use to Phi Delta Phi, Alpha Mu Pi Sigma, *et al.*; or whether an ardent Delta Chi is of much use to us. Delta Chi and Sigma Xi, among the professional fraternities, and Sigma Chi, among the general fraternities, have declared against the duo-fraternity idea. The subject is worth consideration."

We have the unconfirmed report that A. T. O. has legislated against her members becoming connected with any other fraternity, professional or otherwise.—*Delta Chi Quarterly*.

The report is without foundation. A. T. O. has legislated against Theta Nu Epsilon only, as yet.



Sigma Nu entered State College, Pennsylvania, April 7, by absorbing the "University Club." The petition had been granted in December last. This news item will interest some A. T. O's. The same fraternity also installed a chapter at Western Reserve University on February 22, and one at the University of Oklahoma on February 20.



The University of Oregon has two fraternities—Sigma Nu, established in 1900, and Kappa Sigma, 1904; one sorority—Gamma Phi Beta, 1905; five local societies for men—Alpha Phi, 1906; Kloshe Tillacum, 1906; Alpha, 1908; Beaver, 1908; Khoda Khan, 1908; and three local societies for women—Beta Epsilon, 1905; Zeta Iota Phi, 1907; Gamma Delta Gamma, 1908. All but two or three occupy houses. The locals are applying to national fraternities for charters.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

At the convention of Delta Chi (law) at Ithaca, N. Y., last April, the *Quarterly* (the fraternity's organ) was taken over "again" by the fraternity. For the past several years it has been under private management. The chapter at West Virginia University had its charter withdrawn, and one to the University of California was bestowed; Washington University voluntarily surrendered its charter.



"I may modestly call your attention to the fact that Dartmouth College is to-day the largest college—as distinguished from a university—in the world. Until two or three years ago that distinction was held by First Trinity at Cambridge. We have passed her with entering classes of 350 to 360 men; and I may also call your attention to the fact that of the ten Trustees of Dartmouth College (exclusive of the President and the Governor of the State) four are members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, although there are twenty fraternities represented in her alumni."—*A Speaker in the D. K. E. Quarterly for February.*



According to articles that we have read in the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Journal* of Southern Kappa Alpha, and the *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, it seems that in neither of these fraternities is a vote of chapters required in order to grant charters. Kappa Sigma charters are granted by the supreme executive committee, Alpha Chi Rho charters by the national council, Kappa Alpha charters by the knight commander, who is the head officer in the fraternity.—*Scroll.*

The *Garnet and White* says that since the constitutional revision of 1907 "every resident chapter has the opportunity to veto a charter grant." As to another fraternity, see the account of a recent action by Pi Kappa Alpha further on in this department.



Chi Psi has had a General Secretary for three or four years who devotes his entire time to visiting chapters and alumni organizations, endeavoring to raise interest in important fraternity matters, and giving instruction along administrative and managerial lines. The officer is paid a liberal salary, it is said, and they seem to have been fortunate in securing a man thoroughly conversant with the conditions underlying his work.

Owing to the discipline of our school, most of us have been unable to work much in connection with the new men. * * * *

The faculty of our institution impeded our progress for a while, but now we have four other pledges, with a bright outlook for more. * *

We are now settled and firmly planted in this school, demanding the first attention of the other fraternities.—*V. M. I. Correspondence in October Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal.*



Theta Nu Epsilon, at Washington and Lee, has been supplanted by a sophomore society called Pi Alpha Nu. It has been abandoned also at the University of Alabama, and re-established at Georgia Tech.



Delta Upsilon is annually carrying on an employment bureau with headquarters at Buffalo, principally for the benefit of the new graduates. The manager says that up to this year the business has been done "with much waste of printer's ink and Uncle Sam's stamps."



Zeta Psi in June will again begin the publication of a journal. It will be called the *Circle* after one of the fraternity's insignia.

Delta Phi, which for several years past has privately published a little journal, is about to issue a regular quarterly publication. It will be a pleasure to welcome to the ranks of the Greek press the representative of one of the oldest of the fraternities.—*Beta Theta Pi for June.*



Intercollegiate athletics at Millsaps have now been permanently abolished. The members of the Mississippi Methodist Conference, which met at Yazoo City in December, decided that we must not play with other colleges, so an edict issued several years ago by this same body was re-affirmed and we must now confine ourselves to inter-class contests. This blow came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky to the students, for we had been led by those in authority to believe that conference would not pass any measure condemning intercollegiate athletics.

Rumors are afloat here to the effect that there will soon be another fraternity represented on our campus. We have been unable to obtain any authentic information, but we know that a secret club has been organized and there seems to be no doubt that a charter has been applied for. At present there are three fraternities represented here, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha, but there is ample material for another.—*Millsaps College Correspondence in the Shield and Diamond for February.*

"Some of our best friends are in the other fraternities and among the non-frat girls. We are obliged to mix with them to an extent, for one of the objections to fraternities is that they make outsiders feel too much like outsiders, and, therefore, hurt the school by decreasing the number of boarders. It is a good thing, too, I think; for it certainly makes the lives of a great many happier and broader."—*St. Mary's College (Raleigh, N. C.) Correspondence in the May Aglaia of Phi Mu.*

Outside of the last sentence in the above, than which there is nothing truer, we are led to say that if the second sentence, from the top, had been published in a mere man's magazine, the said magazine would not have heard the last of it for a year and a day! But the girls can say things that we men can't and so there you are.



Pi Kappa Alpha met in biennial convention at New Orleans, April 14-16, and a smaller attendance is reported than at its previous meeting in Richmond. Robert A. Smythe, of Atlanta, for lo-these-many-years, since 1890 to be exact, editor of its journal, and for many years treasurer of the fraternity as well, has been given relief from the former duty and the *Shield and Diamond* will now have purely an editor who will be in no other way occupied by the fraternity. The district system of territorial division was adopted, and it seems that the chartering of chapters is to be left in the future to the Supreme Council. The Cumberland University charter was withdrawn and also those of Roanoke College and West Virginia University; the decline of Roanoke is given as the reason in that particular case.



Kappa Sigma has prohibited membership in Theta Nu Epsilon by a constitutional amendment, and a late number of the *Caduceus* publishes an official warning "owing to reports coming to him [the chief executive] of violations of this law of the fraternity." A forcible editorial follows, written by one, it states, who became a member of Theta Nu Epsilon several years before Kappa Sigma placed it under the bans.

Kappa Sigma is felicitating itself on a new acquisition in the shape of an "Alumni Secretary," just recently appointed.

Speaking of "Scholarship Standards," a subject which is coming to the front in the fraternity world, the *Phi Gamma Delta* for December has this to say:

Just now it is interesting to note what seems a well-defined movement in the fraternity world toward higher standards of scholarship for the members. The encouragement to stronger scholarship has taken various forms. In the men's fraternities it is chiefly by way of official comment and public recognition of the achievements of the scholars. For instance, Alpha Tau Omega publishes a biographical roll of honor, including all its undergraduate members who have achieved special scholastic distinction.

The reaction from the opposite tendencies which educators have been decrying for a decade is a salutary one, and the chief problem is to find the most effective way to effectuate the reform. In final analysis it is simply a question of educating student sentiment. The Wisconsin chapter a year ago adopted what seems an excellent plan of recognizing good class work among its freshmen. A loving cup was presented by the class of 1907, on which each semester is to be engraved the name of the freshman with the highest scholastic standing. It serves to educate sentiment at the time when the greatest stimulus is needed—in the freshman class; and with the momentum of one year's work well done, high class standing may be maintained with little drudgery.

If good scholarship becomes popular, we will have as many good scholars as we now have good dancers. Meantime the man of academic attainments hardly knows whether he is a fossil specimen of a past epoch or a prophet of the future. We believe he is the latter. The signs of the times point in that direction.



Under the head of "A Ready Made Antiquity," the *Beta Theta Pi* for June says:

The writer has received many inquiries from persons in and out of Beta Theta Pi concerning Sigma Pi and as the best way of answering such inquiries hereby reprints in whole or in part some correspondence relating to the matter.

About March 6, 1908, there was received from Robert George Patterson, of Chicago, Ill., a letter dated Columbus, O., March 4, 1908. This letter purported to give for purposes of record and publication an account of Sigma Pi. The letterhead on which it is written displays the statement, "The Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States. Year 155." The pertinent parts of this letter are as follows [given in part]:

I herewith send you a brief account of the fraternity's history, just as it is set down in our constitution, though I am not exactly positive as to its authenticity.

Sigma Pi, originally Sigma Omicron Pi, was first founded in May, 1752, at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., by a very select few of the students who banded themselves together for the purpose of maintaining and establishing an aristocracy and promoting and extending the temporal power of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Tradition tells us that a charter was granted by the English Crown, and the original constitution states that the fraternity was a "brotherhood among the Sons of the First Families of Virginia." Only those men were admitted who were of the gentile race and who were members of the Church of England, which in this country subsequently became the Protestant Episcopal Church. During this period of the fraternity's existence, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe and Richard Henry Lee were reported to have been members. At the outbreak of the Revolution the fraternity passed into oblivion and was not revived until after Thomas Jefferson became president of the United States in 1800. During this revival, Payne Todd, the step-son of President Madison, is said to have been a member of Sigma Pi and president of the chapter.

Just how long this revival lived and flourished the writer could not intelligently answer, but it is known that Robert E. Lee was made a member, and at the establishment of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis was made an honorary member. However, as the northern sentiment was equally as strong as the southern, Henry Ward Beecher was also made an honorary member. There existed, from time to time, *secret* chapters of Sigma Pi at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Charlotte Hall Military Academy, Charlotte Hall, Md.; the dates of the founding of these chapters and their demise I do not know—these chapters were strictly secret and were limited as to membership and only a few records of their meetings were placed on file, which we have still preserved. At what time the chapter at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., was founded, is not definitely known, but this chapter has existed long enough for one of its alumni to pass from college and become Governor of Illinois during the Civil War. Two other distinguished sons of this chapter were * * * and last, but not least, this chapter has the unique honor of having produced that great Democratic leader, the great "Commoner," William Jennings Bryan, democratic candidate for president in 1896 and 1900 and a presidential possibility in 1908.

As a matter of fact, Sigma Pi at Illinois College is more or less a debating society, purely, similar to Delta Upsilon at Harvard, etc.

On February 18, 1908, the writer met Hon. William Jennings Bryan at a luncheon given at the residence of Col. James Kilbourne, 604 E. Town St., Columbus, O., and the two fraternity brothers and sons of Sigma Pi exchanged greetings and hoped for the future prosperity of the fraternity.

Thus it will be seen that Sigma Pi has had rather a varied and somewhat checkered career and has always been cramped from expansion by a narrow constitution and an exceedingly conservative policy. And it was not until 1906, when, as the result of much contention and a certain amount of bitterness and dissention among the men of the fraternity, the expansionist faction of the fraternity came into power and agreed to place Sigma Pi upon a liberal and solid basis. Religious restrictions which had previously barred many and thus necessarily stunted the growth of the fraternity, were swept aside and many other changes were put in effect. It was decided to expand until Sigma Pi should make a chapter roll equal to Alpha Delta Phi. While expansion is the present policy and will continue to be for a number of years to come, we expect to proceed cautiously and conservatively because we

believe in quality and not quantity. In exercising unlimited care, we hope in the course of the next twenty years to reach a certain state which will begin to approach the ideal fraternity and to be counted as one of the standard American College Fraternities. We realize that "Rome was not built in a day," so we are prepared to wait for a period of years until we can "claim our own."

Our chapters are located as follows:

Alpha—Vincennes University, Vincennes, Ind.

Beta—(Honorary, comprised of all Sigma Pi's who at one time or another belonged to inactive chapters.)

Epsilon—Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.

Iota—University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

And in a brief time we anticipate adding to this roll a chapter at the University of Chicago, the University of Oklahoma, Kenyon College, Yale University and Dartmouth College. We hold our twenty-first annual convention next May (May 7, 8, 9, 1908), at Vincennes, Ind. As to our *journal*, which you mention, will say that our constitution provides for a monthly publication called *The Chronicle*, but we have not published it in recent years for various reasons, chief among which is because we have not had ample funds. As soon as the *Chronicle* appears again we shall send you a copy.

ROBERT GEORGE PATTERSON,
President.

To this letter the following reply was sent under date of March 10, 1908:

Yours of the 4th, relating to the alleged history of Sigma Pi, I have read with considerable interest. All of the statements concerning the alleged ancient origin of this society are inherently incredible. Of course, I do not know where any such traditions, as you speak of, arose, but they seem to me to be the product of a rather sophomoric imagination. Certain facts, for example, which you mention, I know not to be true. Jefferson Davis was an active member of a college fraternity at one time—that fraternity happens to be deceased. Henry Ward Beecher was also a member of a fraternity, and I am very certain that neither of these men would join another society under the circumstances. I do not believe for one moment that secret chapters existed at Washington-Lee or at Lehigh. I have been thoroughly familiar with the fraternity situation at Lehigh ever since I myself was in college and I am very certain that I would have known about such an organization had it been there.

More than thirty years ago I knew of the existence of Sigma Pi at Illinois. It was then of the ordinary type—an open literary society common in the West, prior to the war. Delta Upsilon is not a debating society in Harvard and never was.

I should like to know when the chapter at Vincennes University was established, and who established it, and when the other chapters were established. Why did you call your next convention the 21st Annual? Of course you must understand that in setting out a narrative, such as you suggest in your letter, you can not expect to have it believed unless you have some kind of proof of the existence of the facts you assert. A mere reference to tradition or gossip or impersonal statements will not serve.

Mr. Patterson answered, under date of March 17 (1908), and acknowledges that he had not much proof to submit, but

says, among other things, "I know that when Col. W. J. Bryan and I met recently we exchanged the fraternity grip which convinces me to some extent that Sigma Pi is at least as old as our distinguished brother, the great Commoner."

Under date of April 10, 1908, Mr. Patterson wrote another letter, in a part of which he gives this information:

The dates of establishment of chapters are, as far as I can give:

Alpha—Nov. 16, 1899 (Vincennes University, Vincennes, Ind.).

Beta—September, 1906 (Honorary).

Gamma—

Epsilon—About 1848, or 1850 (Illinois, Jacksonville).

Iota—March 1, 1907 (University of California, Berkeley).

Mr. Baird, in the meantime had written to the authorities of Illinois College and being questioned said that they did not know of any change in their literary society of Sigma Pi and were not aware that it had become a chapter of another fraternity.

When a chapter was established at the University of Illinois, the newspapers again published news items, obviously inspired, stating that William Jennings Bryan and former Gov. Richard Yates, of Illinois, were among its prominent alumni.

Whereupon when the matter was brought to its attention, the Sigma Pi society of Illinois College issued the following statement:

February 18, 1909.

The Sigma Pi Society of Illinois College, of which William Jennings Bryan and former Gov. Richard Yates, of Illinois, are alumni, is not now and never was connected with any Greek-letter organization, and more especially never had any connection whatever with a society called Sigma Pi claiming to have been established at William and Mary College in Virginia prior to the American Revolutionary war.

Mr. Bryan was written to and asked concerning the matter and in reply he wrote as follows, under date of April 26, 1909:

Your favor at hand. I have no personal knowledge of the subject to which you refer, but I will give you below all that I have learned. In the first place, when I was a member of the Sigma Pi Society at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., from 1875 to 1881, it was not a fraternity. It was a debating society and had been in existence for a great many years, how long I can not say, and it is still one of the literary societies of the college. A year or so ago I received a communication from some one to the effect that having been a member of the Sigma Pi Society at Illinois College I became a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity, when the Illinois College Society became affiliated with the Sigma Pi fraternity. A year ago at Columbus, Ohio, I met a number of men who represented

that fraternity and was informed that since my college days the Sigma Pi Society of Illinois College had in some way become connected with the Sigma Pi fraternity. The young men at Columbus made a favorable impression upon me and I never had occasion to question or investigate the facts.

I have recently received a letter from Warren Case, Jr., secretary of the Sigma Pi society at Illinois College of Jacksonville, informing me that the society to which I belonged while in college is not connected with the national fraternity known as the Sigma Pi fraternity. He says: "The fraternity claims to have affiliated with the Sigma Pi society of Illinois College and is using the history of that society to add more lustre to its own name. This fraternity has also had occasion to publish in several fraternity magazines the enclosed article in which your name is mentioned as being its most prominent member. If they use your name as a member of the Sigma Pi society of Illinois College, such use is fraudulent, for Sigma Pi society is not and never has been connected with the Sigma Pi fraternity. We believe this to be the ground upon which they base their statement but wish to be perfectly sure before denying their claim. We will esteem it a great favor to have your advice in this matter."

From Mr. Case's letter it would seem that there can be no doubt about the national organization being mistaken in claiming the Sigma Pi society of Illinois College as a chapter of the fraternity. I am sure, however, from the gentleman whom I have met that you will find the error was unintentional and that it will be corrected as soon as it is brought to the attention of the officers and members of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

And finally, Mr. Baird says:

As originally stated, the claims of this Sigma Pi are incredible. Not only that, they are ridiculous. But they are constantly being repeated and although every statement made which is capable of verification has been disproved, they will doubtless continue to be urged.

The Greek World should not encourage such claims or allow them to be made uncontradicted.

Our only excuse for the foregoing is that the fraternities have as a rule stood upon their merits, and after nearly a century of honorable existence should not calmly see their claims set aside and precedence on account of alleged antiquity given to sheer impudence.



Editorial.

TO THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The older men, those again returning to college and again resuming active chapter relations, must realize that now, as never before, the eyes of the world are upon them. The educational world has penetrated the external portals of the Greek-letter system and with inquisitorial eye is surveying the regions behind them. It has begun to look beyond the jeweled badge to the man wearing it. It has ceased to be satisfied with classic names and fine, high-sounding mottoes and deigns now to know the real reason for the system. It has long contemplated splendor and wealth in the form of magnificent and costly chapter houses and now insists upon knowing to what purpose they are built and what role their occupants play on the college stage. In short, the days when names charmed, when prestige gainsaid, when houses secured favorable judgments are past. The educational world looks now to the man who uses them and demands that he make good the pretensions he has so long professed.

That our system is on trial and on trial for its very life is obvious to even the casual observer. In not a few institutions the authorities have ceased to regard fraternities as necessary evils or as the innocent toys of long-trousered children. Some institutions have undertaken—in vain, we think—their entire suppression. Others, seek merely to investigate them. Still others, awakened to the splendid opportunities for good they possess, seek to develop the tendencies for good and extirpate the tendencies toward evil. And these diverse methods of treatment indicate that there is nothing approaching unanimity of

opinion as to the merits or demerits of the system. One would banish them as unmitigated evils; another would develop and use them; another would investigate, and in the meantime, tolerate them. There is no fixed, general opinion regarding either their value nor the manner of their treatment.

It is a mistake—and the man in college must recognize this—to imagine that the system can calmly and complacently contemplate the several actions of those in authority. The PALM is not pessimistic; it holds no membership in the "Gloomy Gus Brigade," the expressive title granted by the *Kappa Sigma Caduceus* to the editorial squad that continually preaches the doctrine of regeneration and reformation. Fraternities are not worse to-day than yesterday. They are not less effective for good now than they were a generation ago. On the whole, they have vastly improved from whatever viewpoint considered. But the point is, that college men must not be allowed to believe that the system is so strongly entrenched in the life of the college that it can refuse to notice the thousand and one facts that evidence a renewal of the attack which the system suffered in its comparative infancy.

What does all this discussion mean if not that the system is on trial? Why, the heated disputes between authorities of rival institutions? Of what use the several projected conferences? To what end the numerous magazine and periodical articles *pro* and *con*? Why all this marshalling of arguments, this use of good white paper and of energy? Undoubtedly, the day is come when the system must show the reason of its being and the reason must be such as so commend itself to the favorable judgment of men of discernment or—the system will be ruthlessly banished from our colleges.

Our message is, therefore, to the men of action, to the men at the front, to the men who are now actively carrying on the work of the fraternity. They must now, as never before, be true to the highest ideals of our fraternity. Every charge must be shown to be false, not by words but by action. If it be asserted that fraternities of a given institution subserve democratic principles and inculcate aristocratic notions the assertion must be proven to be false. If it be said that fraternity men by selfish

combinations among themselves encompass the election of unworthy men, or the defeat of worthy "barbs," the charge must be met with conduct that will recoil upon the accusers. If the principle of selection is found faulty, if men of means have been preferred to men of capacity, then the standard of judging men must be changed. In fine, whatever be the charge, provided it be not a captious, unreasonable, untenable criticism, it must be resented by conduct that will prove its falsity.

The system is worth saving. Experience has shown its value. But it can only be saved by the men in the active chapter. Alumni influence will avail only as far as that influence is directed upon the active men. Upon the active men is cast the burden and to them the entire system looks for a solution of what has already become and is now called the "fraternity problem."

While the above is directed more especially to the older men of the chapter it applies as well to the recent initiate. We believe that Alpha Tau Omega has conferred a real benefit upon the young men who have embraced her. We believe that Alpha Tau Omega has done a good thing by inviting them to her fold. But the initiate has repaid her for the privilege of membership only when he has intelligently grasped her ideals and set about to realize them. Older men will understand that the Alpha Tauic ideal stands for the highest things in the Greek world. Younger men must comprehend this early in their careers, and prove, with the older men, that Alpha Tau Omega teaches and practices nothing that is not clean, healthy, and wholesome for the man and his college.



THE WORTHY GRAND CHIEF'S LETTER.

Following the wise precedent created by his predecessor in office, Brother Hickok addressed a circular letter to each one of our eight thousand alumni. The letter contains a very lucid explanation of our recent history and an impressive call for co-operation in the work of the future. That it has fully answered the purpose for which it was intended is amply evidenced by the many letters received from those who have been impressed by its contents.

The suggestion that the fraternity erect a suitable memorial of our foundation commands our attention. The PALM has long favored just such a project and favors immediate action. It is safe to assert that any memorial should be near to the place where the foundation occurred. Lexington, the Virginia Military Institute or Washington and Lee are sites that commend themselves. Of course, the military institute is not likely to welcome a home in the face of its legislation against fraternities. Possibly, a suitable tablet in the old meeting hall might be approved. Washington and Lee is located in the same village. Alpha Tau Omega now possesses there a most prosperous and thriving chapter. Brother V. Gilmore Iden is now collecting funds for the erection of a house for the chapter. Might it not be advisable for Alpha Tau Omega as a fraternity to aid Virginia Beta in its efforts to find a permanent home to the end that its house become the permanent memorial house, the common, national home for the whole fraternity, the eternal monument to Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall?



THE NORTH CAROLINA FIRE.

Within a short space of time, Alpha Tau Omega has witnessed the destruction of three of its houses. Cornell, wherein the beloved Kiehle gave up his life for his brothers, was closely followed by the Purdue conflagration. These now are followed by the fire which deprived our chapter at the University of North Carolina of one of the most beautiful fraternity houses in the South. The full measure of our sympathies goes out to the North Carolina chapter, especially so, since the valuable collections of ancient archives were consumed. The indomitable courage and energy of North Carolina Alpha Delta will supply another house, but the records are unpurchasable and can not be replaced.

The chapter letter published elsewhere in this issue indicates that a new house will be erected immediately, and knowing the North Carolinians, as we do, we have not the slightest doubt that a handsome structure will very soon mark the ruins of the old.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The reduced size of the PALM is due, primarily, to the failure to secure several promised manuscripts, and, secondarily, to the fact that the editor was compelled to devote a great portion of the time usually given to the PALM to other matters. Several weeks of the heated season were spent away from the sanctum. The December issue will probably show the results of several plans concocted while waiting for Mr. Black Bass and the excitement of his fight.

The Worthy Grand Chief has moved from Ohio and is now located at Washington, D. C., having accepted a call there to the pastorate of the largest Presbyterian Church at the Capital. Brother Hickok left Ohio with great reluctance and only a wider field, with commensurately enlarged opportunities, induced his acceptance. A great portion of the summer was spent in a town of the West, but he is now at his desk and with Brothers Ellsworth and Glazebrook near at hand an aggressive administration can be expected. The PALM congratulates Brother Hickok upon the recognition deservedly vouchsafed to him and hopes for him an increase of the generous measure of success that has always attended his efforts.

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- Hugh Martin, *Province Chief*, Title Guarantee Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.
- Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Friday. A. G. Hubbard, PALM Correspondent. D. M. Clements, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday. Robert H. Smith, PALM Correspondent. J. A. Elliott, Jr., W. M.
- Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. _____ J. W. Stollenwerck, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, P. O. Box 234. Saturday. Ralph D. Rader, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Beta (1878), University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. _____ G. C. Arnold, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. Saturday. Herbert T. Quillian, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Zeta (1881), Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Friday. Sam. M. Howell, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 76 East Linden Street, Atlanta, Ga. _____ R. F. Golden, PALM Correspondent. V. S. Dawson, W. M.
- La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, New Orleans, La. _____ Woodruff George, PALM Correspondent. Woodruff George, W. M.
- Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2206 San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday (first and third). Curtis M. Rosset, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.

PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

- Clarence E. Wilcox, *Province Chief*, 622 Moffat Building, Detroit, Mich.
- Ill. Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 John Street, Champaign, Ill. _____ T. M. Pittman, Jr., PALM Correspondent. J. S. Clevinger, W. M.
- Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 5750 Madison Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Monday. _____ PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 911 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. _____ O. O. Ohman, PALM Correspondent. W. H. Webster, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 1018 State Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. Thomas Meredith, Jr., PALM Correspondent. L. A. Stevenson, W. M.
- Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. _____ H. B. Haynes, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 231 N. Manning Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. R. D. Ford, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 624 Packard Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. Arthur M. Gorman, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, Superior Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. Clarence Beimer, PALM Correspondent. _____ W. M.
- Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 635 State Street, Madison, Wis. Monday. Otto F. Bradley, PALM Correspondent. Julius O. Roehl, W. M.

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MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND WASHINGTON.

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Lawrence, Kansas.

- Cal. Gamma Iota (1900), University of California, A. T. O. House, 2230
College Avenue, Berkeley, Cal. Monday. F. T. Georgeson, PALM
Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Col. Gamma Lambda (1901), University of Colorado, A. T. O. House,
1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Col. Monday. L. Frazer Banks,
PALM Correspondent. Fred E. Hagen, W. M.
- Iowa Beta Alpha (1885), Simpson College, A. T. O. House, 311
Clinton Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Thursday. W. Roy Jenks, PALM
Correspondent. Fred H. Osborn, W. M.
- Iowa Gamma Upsilon (1905), Iowa State College, A. T. O. House, 803
Burnett Avenue, Ames, Iowa. —————Rex. E. Edgecomb,
PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633
Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas. Monday. Earl Fischer,
PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Minn. Gamma Nu (1902), University of Minnesota, A. T. O. House, 1111
Fourth Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Monday. John McKenzie,
Jr., PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 507
Hitt Street, Columbia, Mo. Monday. Web. N. Jones, PALM
Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Neb. Gamma Theta (1897), University of Nebraska, A. T. O. House,
1645 East Street, Lincoln, Neb. —————Clifford Shoemaker,
PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Wash. Gamma Pi (1906), University of Washington, A. T. O. House,
4534 University Boulevard, Seattle, Wash. Monday. Ellsworth
V. Vachon, PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.

PROVINCE IV—MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT.
George Maguire, *Province Chief*, 21 Adams St., Worcester, Mass.

- Maine Beta Upsilon (1891), University of Maine, A. T. O. House, North
Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. F. W. Nason, PALM Corre-
spondent. —————W. M.
- Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. ————
J. P. Fogwell, PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A.
T. O. House, 26 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. J. C.
Rogers, PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- Massachusetts Gamma Beta (1893), Tufts College, A. T. O. House, 94
Curtes Street, Mass. Monday. M. H. Houghton, PALM Corre-
spondent. R. H. Smith, W. M.
- Mass. Gamma Sigma (1906), Worcester Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O.
House, 206 West Street, Worcester, Mass. Wednesday. Wallis
C. Watson, PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
- R. I. Gamma Delta (1894), Brown University, Rooms, Caswell Hall,
Providence, R. I. Friday. Robert F. Skillings, PALM Correspon-
dent. —————W. M.
- Vt. Beta Zeta (1887), University of Vermont, A. T. O. House, 216 South
Prospect Street, Burlington, Vt. Saturday. M. B. White, PALM
Correspondent. J. L. Brownell, W. M.

PROVINCE V—NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

E. W. Marshall, *Province Chief*, 312 Bakewell Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

- N. Y. Alpha Lambda (1881), Columbia University, New York City.
—————PALM Correspondent. —————
—————W. M.

- N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Saturday. Dwight E. Timmerman, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- N. Y. Beta Theta (1887), Cornell University, A. T. O. House, 625 University Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Saturday (every two weeks). Herbert D. Kneeland, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Iota (1881), Muhlenberg College, A. T. O. House, 1519 Chew Street, Allentown, Pa. Tuesday. Jno. E. Hartzell, PALM Correspondent. Paul M. Reed, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Pi (1882), Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. O. House, 383 East Beau Street, Washington, Pa. Monday. Earle W. Booz, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Rho (1882), Lehigh University, A. T. O. House, 338 Wyandotte Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. Friday. Frank S. Mickley, PALM Correspondent. William E. Sturges, Jr., W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Upsilon (1882), Pennsylvania College, A. T. O. House, North Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday. William H. Burd, PALM Correspondent. A. D. Breitenreiter, W. M.
- Penn. Tau (1881), University of Pennsylvania, A. T. O. House, 3614 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. ————— William J. Rynick, PALM Correspondent. Leroy A. Wilhis, W. M.

PROVINCE VI—NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA.

- W. L. Wilhoite, *Province Chief*, N. Y. Life Insurance Co., Charlotte, N. C.
- N. C. Alpha Delta (1879), University of North Carolina, A. T. O. House, Chapel Hill, N. C. Friday. Donald Ray, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- N. C. Xi (1872), Trinity College, Durham, N. C. ————— William G. Matton, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- S. C. Beta Xi (1889), College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C. Saturday. Simeon Hyde, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- Va. Beta (1865), Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. ——— E. S. Humphreys, PALM Correspondent. U. C. Armentrout, W. M.
- Va. Delta (1868), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. ————— J. A. Myers, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.

PROVINCE VII—OHIO.

- E. F. Eldredge, *Province Chief*, 10907 Tacoma Ave., N. E., Cleveland, O.
- Ohio Alpha Nu (1882), Mount Union College, A. T. O. Rooms, 1939 South Union Avenue, Alliance, Ohio. Monday. Percy M. Nulton, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- Ohio Alpha Psi (1883), Wittenberg College, A. T. O. House, 927 North Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Monday. Arthur C. Dale, PALM Correspondent. H. K. Shearer, W. M.
- Ohio Beta Eta (1887), Ohio Wesleyan University, A. T. O. House, North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio. ————— G. S. Jackson, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
- Ohio Beta Mu (1888), Wooster University, A. T. O. House, 43 College Avenue, Wooster, Ohio. Monday. Robert Guinther, PALM Correspondent. ————— W. M.
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- Tenn. Beta Tau (1894), Union University, Jackson, Tenn. ———— E. R. Boone, PALM Correspondent. C. E. Wanford, W. M.
- Tenn. Omega (1877), University of the South, A. T. O. House, University Avenue, Sewanee, Tenn. Tuesday. Frank H. Gailor, PALM Correspondent. ———— W. M.
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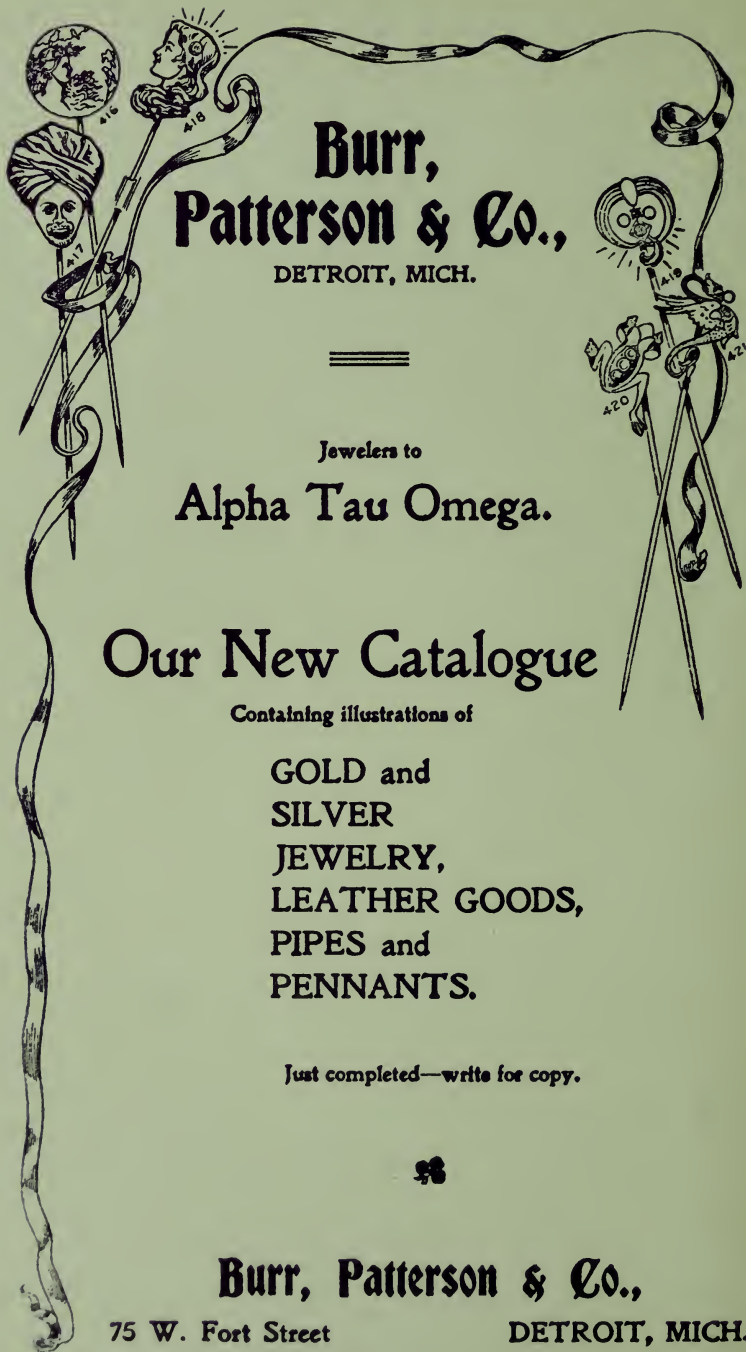
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BROWN UNIVERSITY AND RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA.

BACK in the pre-Revolutionary days of 1764 "a seminary of polite literature subject to the government of the Baptists," came into being in Rhode Island and was enrolled among the very few educational institutions of the time as one of the embryonic centers of learning and intellectual activity for the American nation-to-be. To-day this seminary, now known as Brown University, flourishes, a power for educational good, and moves on to the completion of its one hundred and forty-sixth year with early plans for an extensive one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration five years hence. Alpha Tau Omega took its place as an integral part of the university in 1894, when Rhode Island Gamma Delta was organized, and this year the chapter, enjoying a prosperity akin to the university's, feels prompted to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of its founding, satisfied that in this period of existence it has been of service in increasing the numerical and constitutional strength of the fraternity at large.

There appeared in the PALM of June, 1903, an article on Brown University, which traced its development from a small college and gave a picturesque description of its pleasant location and surroundings and of the most prominent activities of the undergraduates in athletic and social pursuits. Now that six more years have passed, it is possible to obtain a bird's-eye view of the remarkable growth of the university in the ten years since President William H. P. Faunce, of the class of 1880, became



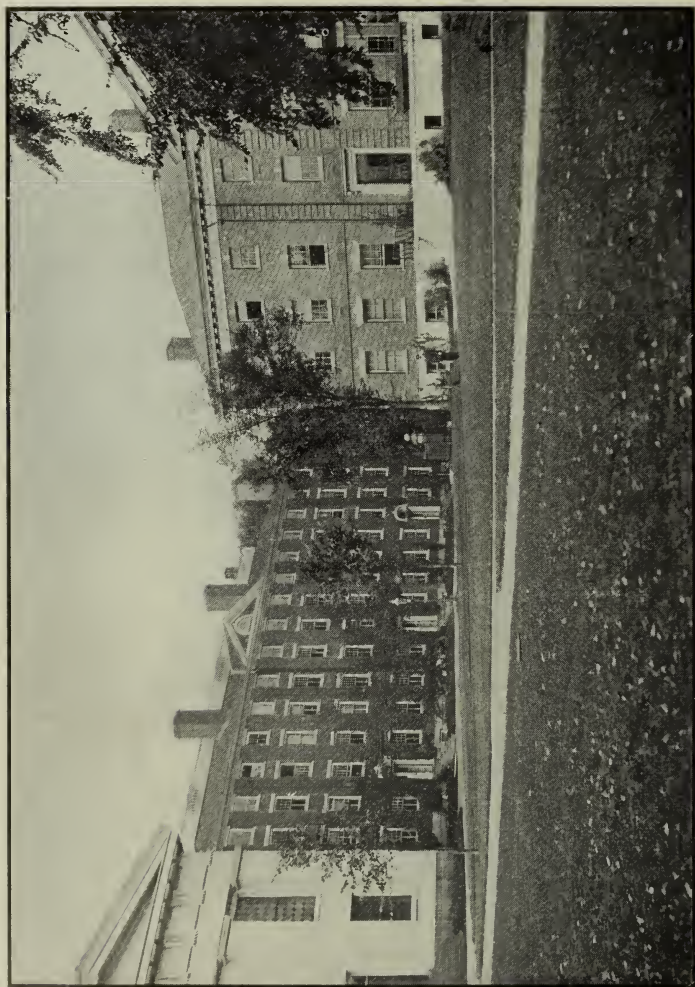
VAN WICKLES GATES IN WINTER—BROWN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

chief administrator. Dr. Faunce's predecessor, President E. Benjamin Andrews, '70, began the modern life of the university upon his accession in 1889. He extended in scope the departments of instruction, increased the number of officers threefold, created a strong graduate department, and increased the enrollment of students from two hundred and sixty-eight to eight hundred and sixty. In promoting this expansion, he contributed immensely to the university's prestige. President Faunce, assuming his new duties in 1899, added to this prestige in quite a different but as important a manner by turning himself to the internal building up of the university. He attended to the proper housing of students and equipment and procured in a short space of time a more than adequate endowment fund.

Under Dr. Faunce's administration three new departments and six new chairs of instruction have been added, the members of the faculty have increased twelve and four-tenths per cent., the number of courses of study forty-three per cent., and the endowment two hundred and sixty-four per cent. The university has also acquired twelve tracts of land and has erected thirteen new buildings. Chief among these have been the president's house, the Administration Building, Caswell Hall, the John Carter Brown Library (of Americana), the Engineering Building, and Rockefeller Hall, which is the home of the Brown Union. At present the handsome John Hay Memorial Library is being built. The Van Wickles at the front campus entrance were erected in 1902, and an iron fence, the sections of which have been contributed by or in memory of various classes, has been built since 1901 about the front and the middle campus. Three of the classes have contributed memorial gates, one of which bears the inscription:

"Welcome, O undergraduate,
Within this '87 gate.
All ent'ring here find hope endures,
The fount of knowledge still allures.
And here good fellowship abides
To cheer and help, whate'er betides."

From an undergraduate point of view Rockefeller Hall, or the Brown Union, as it is more popularly called, is the most important acquisition of recent years. About this building



HOPE COLLEGE AND THE UNION—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

centers the social life of Brown students. It is the headquarters of all the principal organizations, has assigned rooms for lounging, diversion, and study, and is the place where undergraduates meet, and become acquainted, and keep alive the spirit of democracy which has long been a cherished feature of Brown life.

From fear that this spirit may suffer injury the president regrets to a certain extent the removal from the campus of fraternities which decide to enter houses. The tendency to desert the dormitories has been especially marked in the last few years, and at the present time eight of the nineteen fraternities are located in homes of their own. If this movement continues, the university may find it advisable, as it already has found in one case, to remodel the dormitory sections so as to accommodate the fraternities as well as though they were in isolated homes. President Faunce has expressed himself on the chapter house question as follows:

"The recent growth of fraternity houses brings both advantages and detriments. Its advantages are obvious—closer fellowship, more refined manners and standards of living, greater regard for property and order and etiquette. Whatever may be true of other colleges, our fraternities at Brown have been and are, on the whole, a distinct force for good. But the spread of the chapter house movement means the scattering of the student residences over a wider area, where our chapel bell is inaudible and the central impulses of the college are less strongly felt. It means the departure from our dormitories of many of the natural leaders in student life. It means that the group thus housed may come less and less into contact with the Brown Union, with the celebrations and problems and difficulties of their fellow students, and thus the great ennobling loyalty to the common weal may degenerate into mere provincial liking for one's own set of men."

Both the president and the dean have expressed the desire that chapters occupying houses shall not maintain their own dining rooms, in order that fraternity men may mingle with one another in common dining halls regardless of affiliations; and this is observed as an unwritten law of the college. On the campus, however, there are eating accommodations for only a

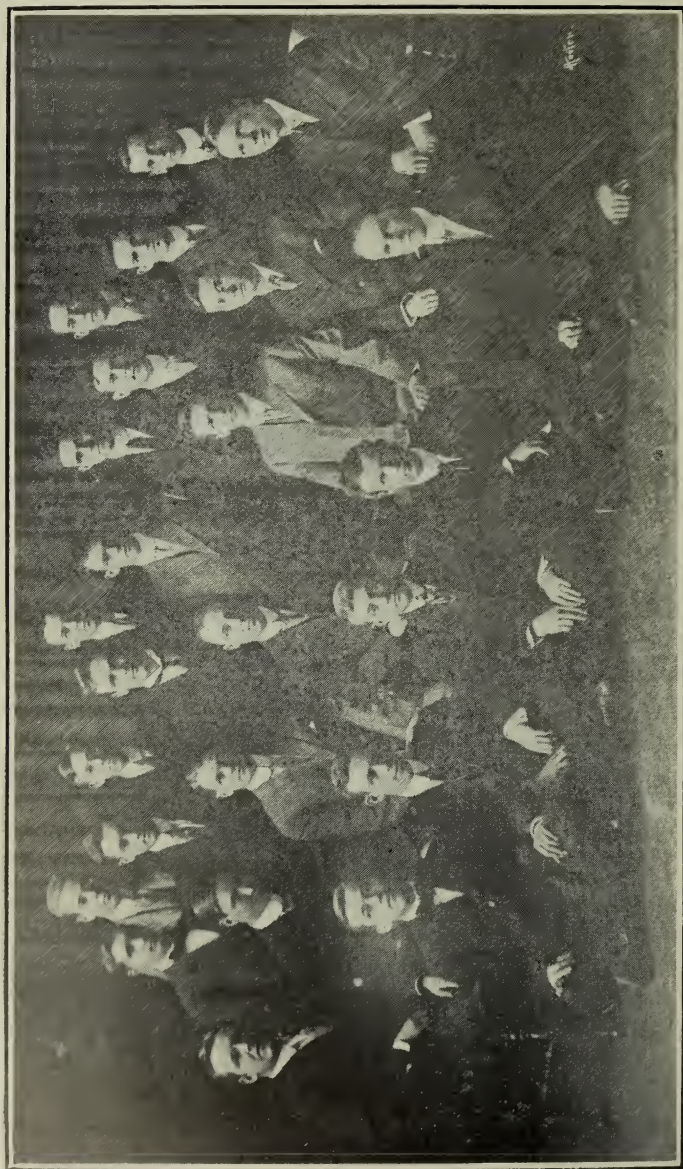


CAMPUS ON CLASS DAY—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

hundred students. The college authorities are also prejudiced against freshmen living in the fraternity houses on the ground that at least one year of dormitory life is beneficial for every student. Accordingly, members of the three upper classes alone occupy the houses at the present time.

Twice in its career Gamma Delta has had a chapter house—once soon after its founding, and again in 1899, when a larger dwelling was leased. But in each case it was found that to maintain a house not owned by the chapter was inadvisable, and a return was made to the campus. The chapter now each year rents a block of eight rooms in Caswell Hall, the most modern of the dormitories, and this year a large room in the basement was obtained as a convenient and suitable place for meetings. This group arrangement offers some of the advantages of a fraternity house, but a house is considered always preferable, and if the way is cleared for entering one in the campus neighborhood with good prospects for its steady support, the move from dormitory to house will be made with little hesitation.

Rhode Island Gamma Delta chapter was founded at Brown in September, 1904, with a nucleus of two Alpha Taus who had come to the college as students from Vermont Beta Zeta, and several others who were canvassed by officers of the High Council. The charter members were E. A. Maynard and C. P. Nott, of the University of Vermont; A. A. Kuntpon, '96, H. B. Horton, '96, Joseph Robbins, '97, J. P. Coombs, '97, and F. D. Perkins, '97. Five new men were initiated soon after the granting of the charter, and at once A. T. O. took a place of prominence among the eleven fraternities then existing. In the first few years the chapter had a membership mainly of athletes, and it was known generally as the athletic fraternity of the college. In 1899 all the 'Varsity athletic teams were captained by Alpha Taus. The preceding year five seniors, out of a delegation of seven, were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, attesting to the fact that the chapter was not composed of men with athletic inclinations solely. Changing in general character with its changing membership, the active chapter has lived its fifteen years and has gathered numerous honors, now in one activity and now in another, while those of its outgoing members who have engaged in business in the college vicinity have recently formed the Providence Alumni Association.



RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

At the present time the chapter aims for a well rounded membership. It endeavors to obtain men who are adapted for leadership in fields outside the fraternity and also men whose time, less taken up as members of teams and organizations, may be more exclusively devoted to chapter matters. Thus a certain degree of cosmopolitanism is obtained. But at the same time the members of the chapter are held together as a unit by the bond of fraternalism and strive for concerted and harmonious action in the chapter circle and for the sturdy maintenance of the fraternity's good name and reputable standing among fellow Greeks and among aliens.

The pledging system at Brown is now being experimented with in an effort to do away with precipitate "rushing." Five fraternities have entered into an agreement to do no "rushing" nor pledging until January 1st, in order that freshmen and fraternity men may have a chance to become more thoroughly acquainted before choices and decisions are made. Gamma Delta is not one of these five, inasmuch as the chapter believed that an agreement to do no "rushing," if the term were broadly defined, could not be lived up to for a college term. And it was also thought by the chapter that the freshmen would benefit by fraternity membership during their first and most difficult term of college through the interest and supervision of upper-classmen, which it has always been customary for the chapter to afford. However, the chapter favors a deliberate choosing of members for its own benefit and the benefit of freshmen, and this year has been more conservative than ever in "rushing" new men. What stand it will take next year will be largely determined by the success or failure of the five fraternities which are now in the compact and are holding off for the entire first term.

Rhode Island Gamma Delta will be the host of the next biennial conclave of Province IV, which is to be held in Providence, February 22nd. Inasmuch as the city is within a short distance of most of the other chapters in the province, it is hoped that delegations, rather than delegates, will be sent, and that the call to the banquet hall and also to the business sessions on the allotted day will bring as many provincial Alpha Taus together as ever attended a previous conclave.

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ALPHA TAUS ALONG THE PACIFIC.

IT HAS been the great pleasure of the Worthy Grand Chief within the last few weeks, to form the personal acquaintance of many of our good brothers in the cities of the Pacific Coast. Some of the conditions observed, and the spirit manifested by all the brothers met, are such as to merit communication to the fraternity.

The first stop was at Seattle, where the brothers of the active chapter had made ample preparations to receive all Alpha Taus visiting their beautiful city. The Exposition was attracting many of our brothers to the wonderful Northwest. And all such were made more than welcome in the chapter house. The Exposition was held on part of the great campus of Washington University. So all guests of our Washington brothers found themselves within a few minutes' walk of the very center of the grounds. The boys had arranged to keep their house open all summer for visiting Alpha Taus. And their ample promises of hearty welcome were abundantly fulfilled.

The Alumni Association of the Puget Sound region is an active organization. Some of the choicest brothers of our bond have foregathered in that land of wonderful opportunity, and are putting their enthusiasm and energy in the associatoin that has been formed. At the banquet tendered the Worthy Grand Chief many plans for the extension of A. T. O. interests along the Coast were fully and thoroughly discussed.

In Portland, just as splendid a group of men was found, although the numbers were less. The presence of the active chapter in Seattle has provided constant recruits for their association. But the Portland Alumni have another object for their enthusiastic support. It is the effort to secure an additional chapter on the Coast. They, in common with all our brothers on the Coast, are strongly impressed with the opportunities that exist. They are persuaded, from close personal observation,

that the fraternity should take affirmative action on some of the good applications that have been made. This matter was the principal subject of discussion at a luncheon when the Worthy Grand Chief had opportunity to meet most of the Portland Alumni.

Accompanied by our enthusiastic Brother, President H. M. Crooks, of Albany College, the Worthy Grand Chief spent a day at the University of Oregon. The president of the university extended a welcome that was characteristically cordial, and every opportunity was given us to learn all that could be known about that rapidly developing institution. The president and the dean gave most of an entire day to our entertainment. And it became very evident that the Alpha applicant club of that university had won the entire approval and esteem of the college officers.

At the University of California another delightful taste of magnificent western welcome was enjoyed. Before reaching Berkeley a telegram was received which gave warning that nothing less than "a long visit" would do. The necessities of a pre-arranged schedule seemed cruel when they required that the "long visit" be cut down to but little more than a single day. In that time, however, occasion was given to see the chapter in regular operation, and to meet many of the enthusiastic alumni around the Bay. This chapter is very fortunate in the presence of a strong advisor on the faculty in the person of Brother O. M. Washburn.

A particularly valuable feature of the visit to Berkeley was in the opportunity afforded of meeting informally some of the officers of the university, and discussing with them certain points of possible co-operation of colleges and fraternities for the greater benefit of all concerned. It is a deep conviction of the Worthy Grand Chief, which is expressed in his recent letter to the alumni, that the fraternity should have opportunity to render a more positive service of assistance to the colleges in which chapters are located. If anything of unfriendliness has existed hitherto, between colleges and fraternities, and it is not denied that this has been true, that condition is one that should be remedied as soon as possible. It was most gratifying to discover that the officers of the University of California had been hoping and

planning for some means to be discovered by which the fraternity men there might be organized in some form of definite service for the student body. The Worthy Grand Chief believes that it is along some such lines as these that the fraternity's greatest function will be found to be.

Although Chicago is not exactly on the "Pacific Coast," it is nearly large enough to extend that far, and may do so soon. Accordingly mention must not be omitted of the delightful meeting with the Alumni Association there. Alpha Taus do not need to be told of Chicago enthusiasm after the Congress of 1902. The visit with these brothers, on the return trip from the Coast, and the conference so freely participated in by all of them, went a long way to explain the great help that the Chicago and other nearby chapters have had from this source.

If any brother has not had sufficient opportunity to know the truly "national character" of our fraternity, let him place himself in touch with Alpha Tauism in the far West. Let him try to look at our fraternity interests with the large vision that those western men have for all that they see. Let him get into that atmosphere where all thought and work is not so much for the present as for coming years. And it will kindle in his heart a kind of enthusiasm and devotion for the beloved fraternity such as he has never known before.

Alpha Tau has always been proud of the newer chapters in the West. And she expects to have still greater occasion for such satisfaction. Each section of the fraternity is making her own contribution to our organized life. From the West is coming a kind of breezy enthusiasm that will electrify us all.

PAUL R. HICKOK,
Worthy Grand Chief.

THE HONOR MEN.

THIS is an attempt to set forth briefly a few facts concerning the men who have received certificates of honor since the publication of the last list.

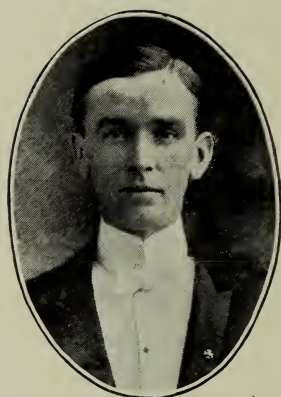
The method of conferring this distinction is as heretofore. Any chapter may recommend one or more of its members as meriting the bestowal of the certificate of honor. Such suggestions are made to the Worthy Grand Chief and are by him duly investigated with the aid and assistance of the Province Chiefs. When satisfied that the person recommended has achieved standing that entitles him to recognition the Worthy Grand Chief asks the High Council for permission to confer the honor. Upon the favorable action of the High Council, the certificate is issued.

This plan is the result of Brother Lyon's efforts, while Worthy Grand Chief, to inculcate the idea of more energetic work by Alpha Taus in college. It was intended as a reward for the diligent and is issued only to active brothers who have attained distinguished positions in intellectual pursuits at college. The basis of the award is meritorious work in some branch or branches of the curriculum or for excellence in oratory, debate or other intellectual competition. Election to one of the recognized honorary Greek-letter fraternities has usually been regarded as *prima facie* evidence of fitness.

The list published on another page includes the names of some who received certificates from Worthy Grand Chief Lyon, but most of them have been issued by Worthy Grand Chief Hickok, who, in this respect as in others, has carried forward the excellent policies planned and formulated by his predecessor. To all of them we extend the congratulations of an admiring fraternity.



L. C. BRANNAN.



O. C. WEAVER.



A. ABRAMS.



G. N. VENRICK.

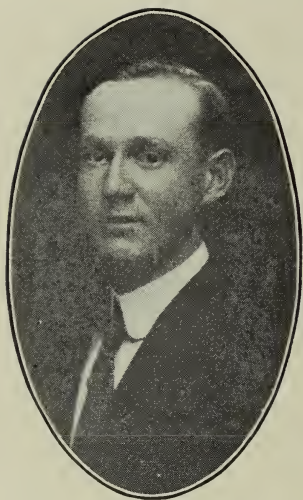
THE HONOR MEN.

ALONZO ABRAMS was born in West Greene, Ala., November 9, 1878. In the fall of 1899, he entered the Southern University. He became a member of Beta Beta two weeks following his matriculation. At the end of his sophomore year he decided to go into business, but returned a few years afterward. During the school term of 1907 he was assistant in Mathematics and tutor in English. He twice won a medal for the best short story, and at graduation won a medal for oratory. His certificate of honor was granted for excellence in oratory.

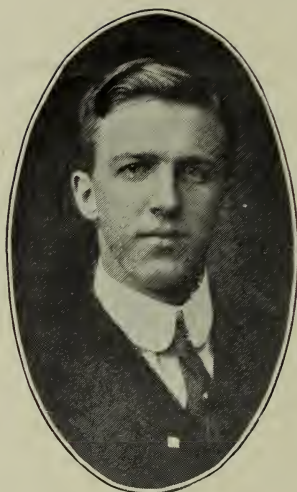
HAROLD MARKS ARMSBY was born in Olathe, Kan., December 13, 1886. He attended the public schools at that place until his parents moved to Council Grove, Kan., where he completed his high school course. He entered the University of Kansas, taking two years of college work, and then he entered the Law Department. In the fall of 1907 he became a member of Kansas Gamma Mu, and the following year was elected a member of Phi Delta Phi, the honorary legal fraternity. The certificate of honor was granted upon his election to Phi Delta Phi. At present he is a senior in the Law Department of the University of Kansas.

LYMAN COY BRANNAN was born in Echo, Ala., where he received his early education. He entered Southern University and became a member of Beta Beta in 1905. In 1908 he was elected a tutor in Latin. During his four years at Southern he was the winner of four debates. In his senior year, he won distinction by winning the Challenge debate between Southern University and Milsaps College. Oratory was the basis upon which he secured his certificate.

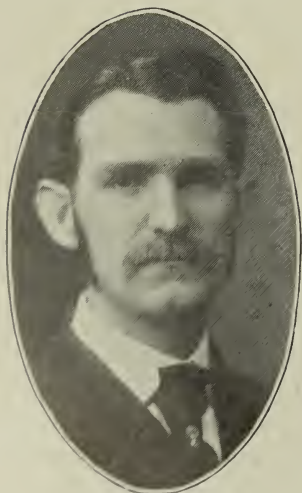
PAUL ESTERLING BRYAN was born September 7, 1884, at Boston, Ga. He attended Wharthen College, worked four years, and entered Emory College in the fall of 1903 and at once became a member of Alpha Theta. During his four years at Emory College, he was closely identified with all the phases of college life. He was three times captain of the baseball team; elected to the honor roll each year; secured a medal three times in succession for oratory, and at commencement was one of the speakers. In his junior year he was elected to membership in the Alpha Epsilon Upsilon Society by the



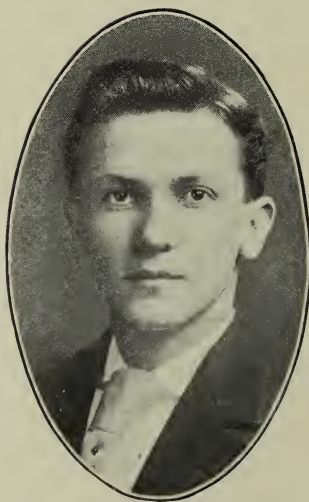
G. R. KINGHAM



C. L. NOURSE.



W. L. BRYAN.



D. H. MACE.

THE HONOR MEN.

faculty for superior scholarship. In his senior year he was managing editor of the *Emory Phoenix*, the college monthly. The Pittsburgh Congress granted him a certificate for scholarship. Since 1907 he has occupied the chair of History and Modern Languages in Stamford College, Stamford, Tex.

WILLIAM LEGRAND BRYAN was born at Quitman, Ga., March 8, 1882. He received his early school training at Warthen College and prepared for college. Upon leaving school, he worked several years, but in the fall of 1903 he entered Emory College and was immediately initiated into the Alpha Theta chapter. Each year while in college he was on the honor roll, besides winning three medals for scholarship. In his junior year he was elected a member of the Alpha Epsilon Upsilon Honorary Society. He graduated in the year 1907 with honors. He is teacher of Latin in the Palestine High School, Palestine, Texas. The certificate of honor was granted in December, 1908, for excellence in scholarship.

JOHN SIMEON CLEAVINGER was born in Springfield, Ill., and received his secondary school education in the high school of that city. He entered the University of Illinois in 1903 and registered in the College of Agriculture, the same year becoming a member of Gamma Zeta. Later he changed his registration to the College of Literature and Arts, from which college he was graduated with the degree of A. B., in 1909. During the last two years of his college course he was director of the University Glee Club, and in his senior year he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa for high scholarship. The High Council granted him a certificate of honor because of his election to this honorary fraternity. He is this year continuing his work in the university, and will graduate at the end of the year in the course in Library Science.

JOHN LLOYD JONES was born at Henry, Ill., November 2, 1887. He prepared for college in the Bradford, Ill., schools and when he was sixteen years of age passed the examination to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Later he was tendered the appointment at Annapolis, but declined it in order that he might finish his college course at the Uni-

versity of Illinois. He entered the University of Illinois in September, 1904, and registered in the course in Municipal and Sanitary Engineering. In his sophomore year he was initiated into the Illinois Gamma Zeta. At the end of his three years in college, he postponed his graduation in engineering to enter the College of Literature and Arts for a year. He graduated in 1909 with the degree of B. S., and he lacked but three hours of being able to take also a degree of A. B. in the College of Literature and Arts. During his senior year he was elected to the honorary society, Tau Beta Pi, and during this year, also, he acted as instructor in General Engineering Drawing. He is now employed as assistant cashier in the First National Bank, Henry, Ill. His election to Tau Beta Pi entitled him to a certificate of honor.

VIRGIL M. KIME was born November 8, 1885. He received his early education in the Atlanta, Ga., schools, graduating from the high school in 1902. In the fall of the same year he entered the University of Michigan and was initiated into Beta Lambda. He graduated with the A. B. degree in 1906. The same year he was elected to Sigma Xi. During 1907-1909 he was instructor in Accounting in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Michigan. In 1909 he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and for this reason secured a certificate of honor. At present he is Actuary of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company of St. Louis.

GEORGE RICHARD KINGHAM was born at Fort Clinton, January 22, 1886. His high school education was received in Red Land, Cal. He graduated in the year 1903; entered Ohio Wesleyan University, and also became a member of the Beta Eta chapter. He graduated in the year 1907 with honors. The same year he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and on account of this election a certificate of honor was granted. After graduation he was instructor in Philosophy in his alma mater. The same year he won a fellowship in Yale University for writing a thesis on Christian Science. In 1908 he was head of the Science Department of the Western Military Academy, while at present he is occupying a similar position in the Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.



H. F. WHEELER.



V. M. KIME.



P. E. BRYAN.



W. B. MARTIN



H. M. ARMSBY.

THE HONOR MEN.

DONALD HOWE MACE was born at Pepperell, Mass., December 25, 1884. His early education was received in the public schools of Brockton, Mass. In 1903 he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute; graduated in the year 1907, but returned the following year to take post-graduate work in electrical engineering. He is a charter member of Gamma Sigma, having been initiated in 1906. In April, 1909, he was elected to membership in Sigma Xi, and for this reason was granted a certificate of scholarship.

WYATT B. MARTIN received his early education in the public schools of Lake City, Fla. He entered the University of Florida in 1905, and the same year became a member of Alpha Omega. During his college career he won many prizes and medals for essays, declamations and orations. Besides being president of his class in his senior year, he was also editor of the *Pennant*, the magazine of the university. He represented Alpha Omega at the Pittsburgh Congress. Granted certificate of honor for oratory. Graduated in June with an B. A. degree and honors.

CHESTER LENWOOD NOURSE, born at Ipswich, Mass., August 7, 1887, received his early education in Newburyport, graduating from the high school with honors in 1905. The following fall he entered Brown University. He became a member of Gamma Delta the same year. He held many offices during his college course. He was a member of the Cammarian Club, the honorary Senior society, and the engineering fraternity, Tau Delta Sigma. In June, 1909, he became a member of Sigma Xi and received his certificate of honor for this election. While at college he was pitcher on the 'Varsity nine for the four years. In June, 1909, he signed and played with the Boston National League team. At present he is registered in the Engineering Department of Harvard Graduate School.

GLENN NORMAN VENRICK was born at Rensselaer, Ind., November 9, 1883. He attended the public schools of DeWitt, Neb., and graduated from the high school in 1901. In 1903 he graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan Academy, and two years later entered the Law Department of Nebraska State University. He became a member of Gamma Theta, and a

little later became a member of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. His election to membership to Theta Kappa Nu entitles him to a certificate of honor. At present he is practicing law at DeWitt, Nebraska.

OLIVER CORNELIUS WEAVER was born at Monterey, Ala., May 28, 1885. His parents moved to Forest Home, Ala., where he received his primary education. He entered Southern University in 1904, but was compelled to relinquish his work at college until later. In 1906 he returned to Southern University, the same year becoming a member of Beta Beta. He was elected a tutor for two successive years and also won distinction as a debater. In his senior year he was elected president of his class. At commencement he won two medals; one for oratory, the other for writing the best short story. He received the certificate of honor for oratory.

HUGH FLOWER WHEELER was born in Greeley, Col., August 21, 1887. His elementary education was received in the Greeley schools. In 1905 he entered the University of Colorado, becoming a member of Gamma Lambda in October of the same year. He is a charter member of the Junior engineering society, Vulcan. Tau Beta Pi honored him by election to their organization. At present he is a senior in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

HARVEY L. RENO

GOODWIN DAVIS ELLSWORTH.

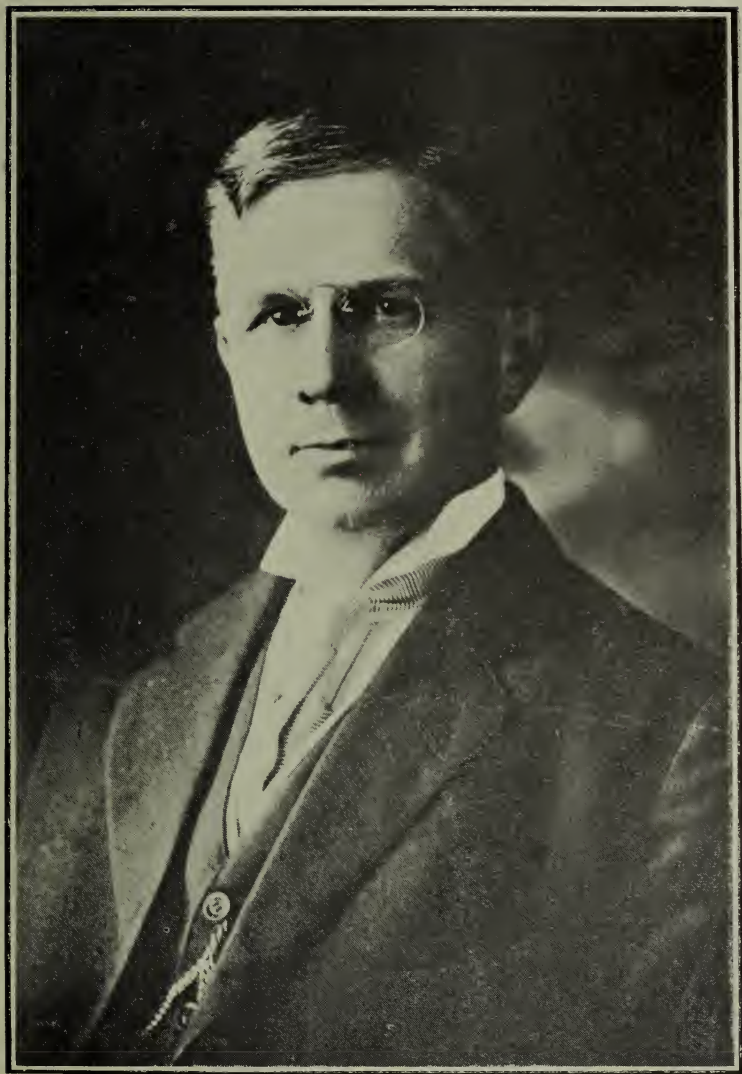
ELLSWORTH! Yes, just plain Ellsworth to everyone who has met him. That explains him better than a waste paper basket full of adjectives. And you feel like calling him just Ellsworth to his face the minute you first shake hands with him.

So easy, affable and gentle in his manner that he makes the visitor feel perfectly at home. The gentleman through and through because he assumes these virtues so naturally.

About five years ago, at the Birmingham Congress, one thing happened to give a living picture of the real Ellsworth. It was at the public exercises that the members decided to present him with a jeweled pin for the loving service he had rendered the fraternity while acting as its Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer. The whole matter had been planned secretly and when Ellsworth was called up to the platform during the public exercises, the pleased astonishment pictured on his face was delightful. It took his breath away from him—he was truly not expecting this honor. There he stood before the hundreds of fraternity brothers and their guests and crowded a whole heartfelt of thanks into the two words, "Thank you," welcoming the loud applause that followed as a cover for his embarrassment.

Again at the Pittsburgh Congress, when he made that report of the admirable condition of the treasury, and told of how he had invested the surplus in gilt-edged securities, the applause was so loud and long that it brought a blush of pleasure to his face. Again he stood before them with that Ellsworth smile of happiness and received the approbates of his brothers.

That Ellsworth smile is a great thing to see, so happy and boyish. Well, in fact, Ellsworth is still a boy, and one of those boys, too, as Dr. Lyon said, makes the fraternity coach go some. Just about five feet five tall, with a clean-shaven face, he looks it and, no doubt at heart, he is a boy, although circumstances are against him.



GOODWIN D. ELLSWORTH,
Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer.
(NORTH CAROLINA XI)

Ellsworth has five children, the eldest of which, Claudia, received her A. B. degree at the Woman's College, Baltimore, in June, 1905. She is a loyal fraternity woman, having been quite prominent in her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. Goodwin D., Jr., will receive his C. E. from Cornell next June and is a member of New York Beta Theta chapter. DeWitt T. is an engineer draftsman in the District of Columbia service; Curtis C. is in the mining business in the West, and Worth Bagley is yet too young to leave home.

Born in Southampton County, Virginia, December 12, 1856, Ellsworth moved with his parents to North Carolina when but five years old. He grew up to manhood on a farm near Wallace in this latter state. His father, William N. Ellsworth, held a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway for forty-five years. His grandparents came from Hartford, Conn., where his forefathers settled after being defeated at the battle of Marston Moor, when Cromwell made it so unpleasant for King George of England. Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth of the United States Supreme Court belonged to the same branch of the family. His maternal grandparent was a Fitzhugh, of Virginia. If you know anything about families and ancestries the simple statement of these facts is sufficient.

Ellsworth graduated from Trinity College, North Carolina, with the degree of A. B. in June, 1880, the degree of A. M. being conferred upon him two years later. In June, 1904, he delivered the alumni address at his Alma Mater.

For six years prior to entering the service of the United States Treasury Department, in September, 1886, he was principal of a male school at Henderson, N. C. Once in the service of the federal government, by result of civil service competition, he was gradually promoted from one responsible position to another, and now for several years has been in charge of the accounting branch of the Office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, with its millions appropriated from time to time for the construction of federal buildings, as well as the maintenance of the same. Having found time to take a course in law at Georgetown University Law School, in the meantime, he secured the degree of L. L. B. in 1897 and his L. L. M. the year following. He has

established quite a reputation in the adjustment and legal settlement of contracts for federal buildings, and has also had much experience in the selection and acquiring of sites for those same buildings throughout the country.

Ellsworth is Past Chancellor of the Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., and also a Mason.

He was married the year after receiving his A. B. degree, in 1881, to Miss Priscilla Williams, of Duplin County, North Carolina, who has found real pleasure in wearing one of the old style, large size A. T. O. badges—the “sign boards” as they are now called—ever since her husband’s college days.

Ellsworth became a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity just after entering college and his aid to the chapter was invaluable, his untiring zeal and enthusiasm appearing never to have diminished. He identified himself with the District of Columbia Alumni Association soon after coming to Washington to live; has attended every Congress since the Washington Congress, and has held the office of Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer since 1901. Having assumed the duties of this office when the exchequer was practically exhausted, he has by an incredible amount of hard work and by the use of up-to-date business methods been enabled to keep a handsome balance in the fraternity treasury, as well as invest \$4,000 in Union Pacific convertible 4’s.

That’s Ellsworth!

V. GILMORE IDEN.

THE FRATERNITY CHAPTER HOUSE.

DAVID STARR JORDAN, Ph. D., L. L. D.,

President Stanford University.

THE fraternity is a permanent part of American college life. Whether such groups, or groups of such a character or of such a degree of permanence, are necessary or desirable is a question not worth debating. The fraternity has come to stay, and it must have some virtues and some fitness for its purpose, else it would not endure and retain the hold it has over college men and over graduates, even those who, like the writer, were initiated nearly half a century ago.

When we first knew the fraternity it had much in common with the high school fraternity of to-day. It was a secret organization, and its secrets were largely those of midnight escapades and the clandestine performance of things which the college faculties would not approve. To be an irresponsible daredevil commended the student to the fraternities, and membership in one of these organizations was not a guarantee of sound scholarship or of fixed character.

Later, fraternities were started with the avowed purpose of correcting this condition. It was believed that the good elements of fraternity life could be retained without the others. So with brotherly friendliness, scholarship on the one hand and some form of leadership on the other became the avowed aim of certain societies. Others tried to lay stress on gentle breeding and the manners of the gentleman. Still others, in other places, undertook to control college politics, "that pewter imitation of a pinchbeck original," as President White used to call it.

The effort for higher ideals had its reaction along the whole line in fraternity organization. While in most cases conviviality was not held in adequate check and escapades of one sort or another were not wholly unknown, yet, in a general way, with the rising standards of the colleges, the fraternities became more

serious and more reputable. The pins worn in secret came to the outside of the coat, and as better men joined the fraternities and were graduated the alumni influence came to have a better tone. In theory each fraternity tried to stand for something worth while, some degree of character-building or at least of rubbing off the rough angles of the men with which it dealt. In practice the fraternities were not always so fortunate. The close association tended to align the group to the characters of its noisiest and least industrious members. But, on the whole, the tendencies were upward, especially so in those institutions which insisted on standards of scholarship.

The third stage in fraternity life came with the advent of the chapter house. This brought new problems of its own. The men were not only to stand together, but they were to live together, which is quite a different thing. One of the first effects was to raise the standards of the weakest scholars. The fraternity could not afford, for financial reasons, to have many men who would fail and be forced to leave college. Many fraternities have faced bankruptcy as a necessary condition of poor scholarship. When college faculties are alert the necessity of holding their own is forced on the fraternities. One result of this is the fraternity "seminar" where the more competent try to instruct the others, or at least to give them pointers to get over the examinations.

But in a general way the average standard of scholarship was not raised by the chapter house. It was especially true that the extremes, good and bad, were aligned with the average, and the fraternities which stood for scholarship and leadership were insensibly forced to be more like the others. For in the organization of a chapter house a man who is to live there for four years is preferable to a "transient." Hence, freshmen are chosen in preference to upperclassmen. But few freshmen can show definite capacity for scholarship or for personal influence. Fraternities which at first chose no one until his influence was a fact accomplished had to follow the example of the others. It is held that the stamp of the fraternity can be more surely placed on a freshman than on a junior. This is true, and it is another way of saying that it is easier for a lot of fellows, all of a kind, to get

along together than it is to find place for a genius, for a man of fixed principles, or for a man of independent character. Yet, when men live in a house together the likelihood of fitting in is a matter which must be considered. Those who will not fit in are likely to be blackmailed and men of definite views of life and work now very often stay outside in preference to joining any fraternity. In a large college as many good men, judging by any standard, are outside of fraternities as in.

The next element to be considered is that of ability to meet fraternity expenses. In most fraternities many of the best men are not rich, but a man must have money to do his share, for his fellows can not undertake to support him. A man dependent on his own work, as is the case with thousands of our best college men, especially in the West, can not well live in a chapter house. There are occasional exceptions to this, as with men who earn money in some specialized way, but as a rule fraternity life is more expensive than other forms of college residence. Add to this the tendency to think a man desirable because he is well-dressed, has good manners, or comes from "a good family," and we have the main elements in the chapter house problem of to-day.

A canvass of the scholarship records in certain institutions gives this as a general statement: The scholarship of fraternity men as a whole, resident in chapter houses, is below that of the average scholarship of men in the universities. In a few fraternities it is higher on the average, at least for most of the time, and in general the standing in scholarship is in inverse ratio to the reputation of the chapter house for conviviality or for expenditures in social ways. The general tendency, as luminously set forth by Professor Edward Eugene McDermott (*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, March, 1909), is that "scholarship is declining and social life rising in the fraternities." It is also true, as Professor McDermott states, that this change is going on much more rapidly in the West than in the East. This latter fact is however a reflex of the fact that the decline began first in the East and is showing itself in the West as wealth increases, and with the exaggerated impulse given to athletics.

Using mention in college publications as an index, Professor McDermott finds that in the eighties, college interests stood in this order:

Scholarship.
Oratory and Debate.
Literary distinction.
Athletic honors.
Social distinction.

Now, the order, as shown statistically, is quite different:

Social distinction.....	308
Athletic honors.....	289
Literary distinction.....	153
Scholarship.....	124
Oratory and Debate.....	77

In the West athletic honors now doubtless outrun social distinctions. Scholarship is more highly thought of than would appear statistically, but being an everyday thing, without spurts, it is taken for granted. Students in engineering subjects and in those professional schools which rest on college education have always taken themselves and their studies seriously. Indeed, this fierce determination to master the studies for the subsequent mastery of the outside work is sometimes spoken of by college men as the "baneful influence" of practical courses or "bread-and-butter studies." Of course, the "smart fraternity man" takes none of these things seriously, and one of the unanswered questions of college management is why in an institution devoted to higher education a man who wants none of it is allowed to stay.

The ideals of a chapter house at its best are thus set forth by a college man, as quoted by Professor McDermott:

"The object of the fraternity, as I see it, is to take the place of the family and home life. The students have, upon entering college, come out from under the guiding influence of the parents or the paternal preparatory school. This lack of restraint and new-found liberty is likely to become license, and in the case of the weaker individuals to lead to ruin. It is at this point that the fraternity steps in. The influence of the fraternity can not be good unless its atmosphere is wholesome. Its atmosphere can

not be wholesome unless the seniors are earnest, carefully trained men, with a keen sense of duty, who will dominate and sway the policy of the chapter. A prominent professor here told me that a word from a senior had a more salutary effect upon a freshman of the same fraternity than any amount of talk from one of the faculty, in a case where the freshman was 'down' in his work.

"I should say, therefore, that the greatest need of the present-day fraternity is a more careful organization of the chapter and the system, so that the senior will be fitted to dominate the chapter and so that he will do so."

In a chapter house as thus managed there is no continuous problem. Its scholarship will not fall below the average of that of the student body. It will not pick men of inferior energy or ability, nor will it surround men above the average with a weakening atmosphere. In other words, it will through its upperclassmen stand, *in loco parentis*, to the lowerclassmen, taking up those duties so insistent on the formation of character which have, of necessity, slipped out of the hands of the faculty in the growth and overgrowth of our colleges into universities.

But for every chapter house which recognizes these ideals we may find another in which sportiness predominates and which stands in no intellectual or moral plane above the ordinary saloon or brothel.* Between these two are all intermediate grades—those which are mostly good and those which are partly bad; those which stand for good manners, skill in "college activities," with waste of time in idleness and waste of vitality in smoke, down

*"One other thought I should like to leave with you. I believe there is too much false modesty among the fraternities. Why should we stand on etiquette if we know positively that a certain chapter of a certain fraternity is corrupt, that it is inculcating vice and bringing reproach on our whole institution? Why should we not call it by name, publish it in all our magazines and create such a hubbub that the national organization of that fraternity will take notice and be forced or shamed into remedying the evils? I know of a certain chapter at Columbia which holds a drunken meeting every week, which is said to entertain street women now and then, and whose daily table is the place for continuous obscene jests. The good chapters and the bad chapters have occasioned the different estimates of the benefits and dangers of the chapter house.

* * * * We need publicity."—(Carleton H. Hayes.)

through phases of conviviality to the bottom, and upward through phases of manliness to the top. In all of them the desire for personal harmony and good college form outweighs the desire to secure leaders of men or creators in the field of human knowledge. This latter change in the best fraternities is due directly to the exigencies of life in the chapter house. Some day a new fraternity without dues or chapter house will arise to unite the men who can think for themselves and can act without a crowd behind them.

But perhaps such men serve their purpose better as free lances. One of the peculiar traits in the American college of to-day is that a boy is never left alone—never does any thinking or studying by himself, unless he is a boy of very abnormal type. The result is a whirl of democracy and a power of team work altogether excellent. The same spirit prevails in a host of young men, and for the most of them it is a movement upwards; but its usefulness has its limits, and the power to stand alone, to work out the problems of the books or of life by individual initiative is imperilled. So also is the power to size up men and situations for what they are worth. "To know a good man when you see him," which William James declares to be one of the ends of college training, is no part of the equipment of the average college graduate.

Among the criticisms of the college fraternity are those of snobbishness, extravagance and lack of democratic spirit. In so far as these charges are well founded they apply to the men, not to the fraternity. At its best the chapter house is no more afflicted with these evils than is any other club to which snobbish men may belong. The "palaces for the tender rich," as Charles Eliot Norton called them at Harvard, are not chapter houses, nor is the man of over-weening self-conceit or class-conceit considered a good fraternity man.

More serious criticisms are directed at the waste of time among boys who meet at all hours of the day to talk about nothing and usually to smoke incessantly while doing it. With many men smoking seems the only way to fill vacant hours, and hours are made vacant to find time to smoke. Indeed excessive smoking has reached the proportions of a serious evil and students and

faculty alike are subject to it. Tobacco cuts into enthusiasm and effectiveness, the degree varying with the temperament of the man who accepts the handicap.

Worse than the evil of idleness and nerve waste is the degradation of foul speech which finds a recognized place in some chapter houses.

Another evil is conviviality—the use or misuse of beer and wine—and there is no use of alcohol in chapter houses that does not become misuse on the part of some of its members. Where collegians drink some are sure to drink too much; and the primary evil is not that of drunkenness. A drunken man is a nuisance in any society; but drunkenness is only nature's effort to throw off a burdensome drug. When nature ceases to try to throw off alcohol the system is in a bad way. To "hold liquor" without showing it indicates a nervous system which has gone a long way toward self-stultification.

Without further enumeration of defects and difficulties we may consider possible remedies for these conditions. These are thus concisely stated by a correspondent of Professor McDermott:

"Higher ideals of what constitutes manliness; a better and more serious notion of the effects of beer and tobacco on future effectiveness; a higher regard of the value of time; a rigid scholarship committee in the university which will not hesitate to send home all who do not do a man's work."

As to the agencies by which these ends may be met we may mention the following:

Upperclassmen in the fraternity. On these fall the immediate responsibility for the condition of the chapter house. Let them above all choose men of moral and intellectual promise, not freshmen alone, but some men with characters formed and, if needs be, formed in a different school. Then let them by practice and precept hold the underclassmen up to their work, discouraging the petty and the greater vices. If they know what they want and persist in it they will find lowerclassmen plastic in their hands.

Here a word may be said for the house-mother. Every fraternity is better and more manly for the presence of a good woman, preferably the mother or sister of one of the leading men. Fraternities which have tried this experiment have found

this uniformly true; and as a rule some falling off in manners and in morals has followed when the house-mother has been abandoned. But house-mothers of adequate character, ability and tact can not be found every day, and the average young man is opposed to the experiment.

The influence of the alumni may count for a good deal in fraternity matters, but to accomplish much requires tact and patience, and the self-sufficient leaders of the day are impatient of the criticism of the "has-beens." This is none the less true if the critic has a seat in the university faculty. In some institutions part of the alumni constitute a disorganizing influence. Many a drunken banquet finds a group of enthusiastic alumni at the centre of its orgies. These alumni who have "gone the pace" outside have a much more varied experience than any undergraduate can show.

There should be much accomplished by the fraternity at large. The ideals of the group are in all cases elevated ideals. The fraternity officers are men beyond reproach. They should be able with a word to change the tone of a chapter house which is going wrong. But the fact is that they do not often do this. For one reason or another the central fraternity is not in evidence when the local chapter house needs correcting. The plan of employing a salaried secretary to unify and vitalize the various local chapters of the fraternity seems to me a very promising one. Such a secretary would find missionary work at hand, especially in certain chapter houses located in cities.

The last agency to be considered is that of the university faculty. These men have usually kept their hands off from fraternity matters. They have usually regarded a fraternity as something sacred—or perchance as something loaded. Yet in the present state of university development in America the final responsibility in every institution rests with the teachers. So long as boys are enrolled as students, so long must methods adapted to boys be employed to control them. Freshmen and sophomores are not "college men." The indifference to student behavior, once general in continental universities, can not exist in America where the standard of admission to university rank is two years lower. We can not shirk responsibility even if we

would and there is a rising demand for college professors who will not shirk responsibility.

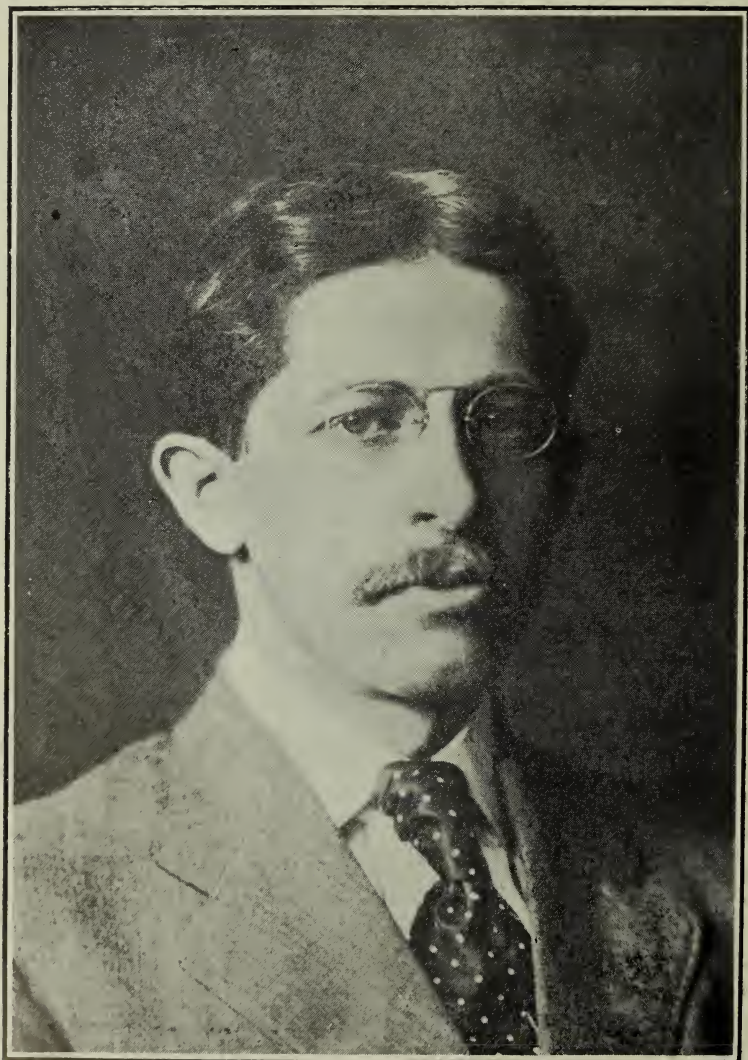
The students in the chapter house are as directly responsible for their behavior as other students are. Wherever beer and wine are freely used in the chapter house they are used by some one to excess. It is the duty of the faculty to eliminate this condition, even if the place has to be closed as a disorderly house. No permanent middle ground has ever been found. In like manner, a chapter house whose inmates turn out continuously poor work should not be allowed to receive freshmen. A little evidence of alertness and interest on the part of the professors will work wonders in any fraternity house. To publish the standing of each fraternity would sometimes give to students and to parents a clearer notion of its ideals. Above all a sympathetic tone on the part of the faculty toward all good things, with a stern attitude toward all that leads downward, will effect definite results often in a short time. At any rate it is the only remedy within reach of the college faculty, and at bottom the problem is theirs, and theirs alone; for with no one else lies the responsibility, the knowledge of the problem and the power to act.—*The American College.*

ALPHA TAUS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

XI—GEORGE A. HARWOOD (Massachusetts Gamma Beta).

FROM draftsman to chief engineer in eight years of service with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, is the story of the rapid rise of George Alec Harwood. He was born in Waltham, Mass., on August 29, 1875, and received his early education in that town. Upon his graduation from the High School he entered the service of the Fitchburg Railroad as chain-man and rodman. Attracted by the branch of engineering in which he found himself, he determined to get a technical education, to be better fitted to attain success in his chosen profession. In 1894, therefore, he entered Tufts College and immediately set about to get everything he could from his college education. He was a good student and a good all-around college man. He took part in all the athletics which he could get into, was a member of the 'Varsity baseball team, manager of the tennis team and a member of class football and track teams. It was at Tufts that he became a member of Alpha Tau Omega and while in college was one of the chapter's most active workers. In June, 1898, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Civil Engineering, and, in 1901, the college conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science. After his graduation he returned to the Fitchburg Railroad and within two years rose to the position of Assistant Engineer. But work with a small railroad had its limitations, so in April, 1900, he resigned to become a draftsman with the New York Central.

Harwood made good with the New York Central from the very first. One of the men who worked beside him when he first came to the road said, "Harwood was the best draftsman in the room, so they made him chief draftsman." In July, 1902, he was made Assistant Engineer of Grade Crossing Work in charge of the construction on the eastern end of the western division,



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with headquarters at Syracuse. In this position he handled some very difficult problems in a very successful manner, and by reason of it was held in the highest estimation by the members of the State Railroad Commission, for they found his ideas at all times practical. At the beginning of the following year he was transferred to New York City and was made Assistant Engineer on Special Work connected with four-tracking and grade elimination, succeeding in May of the following year to the position of Chief Engineer of this work. When he was made Assistant Terminal Engineer, in January, 1905, he had charge of the designing work under the Terminal Engineer. At this time he was made a member of the Advisory Board of Engineers, assisting the vice-president in charge of the Electric Zone, which position he still holds. In May, of this year, he was again promoted and made Designing Engineer of the Electric Zone in charge of all the designs of the Grand Central Station and other work in the Electric Zone. The most noticeable features of this period were the designs for the new Grand Central Terminal and the development of the conduit and transmission pole systems for the distribution of power from the new power house to the initial electric zone. Owing to the illness of the Terminal Engineer, Harwood was made Acting Terminal Engineer and shortly afterwards, March, 1906, was given the position of Engineer. Here he had direct charge of the construction of the Grand Central Terminal. The position of Terminal Engineer he held but a short time, for the department was reorganized and he was made Chief Engineer of the Electric Zone Improvements, which position he has held now for over a year.

As Chief Engineer he brought to a successful completion the tremendous construction work of the Initial Electric Zone. The electrification of the New York Central is the pioneer movement of its kind, and the success which has attended it has lead other roads to begin the electrification of its lines into large cities.

The new Grand Central Terminal is one of the finest and most expensive railway stations in the world and will ever remain a monument to the constructive ability of this young engineer. The great point in Harwood's work is his ability to handle men. In every branch of his work he has been called upon to

handle men, many of whom were much older than himself, and the tact with which he has accomplished it has proved his wonderful executive ability. He combines this with a clear reason and an original constructive mind which are paving the way to greater fame for him.

In September, 1900, he married Grace Isabel Hawley. Their home is now in White Plains, N. Y., where Mr. Harwood is a member of the White Plains Club. He is also a member of the Transportation Club, the Scarsdale Golf Club, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.



XII—JOSEPH GILL BROWN (North Carolina Xi).

FOR a hundred years the name of Brown has been inseparably associated with Raleigh, N. C., and with the growth of this flourishing city. As pioneers of this district the ancestors of Joseph Gill Brown were large landholders and at one time owned a large part of the site of the present city. A strict sense of honesty, a duty clearly defined and ideals of unswerving integrity, industry and common sense were the birthright of Joseph Gill Brown.

He was born on November 5, 1854, and received his early education in the private schools of Raleigh, at Lovejoy's Academy and under Capt. J. J. Fray. His preliminary education finished, he entered Trinity College, at Durham, N. C., where he became a member of the Xi chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. The call for a business career was too strong in the young man and he left Trinity after having attended there only a year and a half.

His first position was that of runner in the Citizens' National Bank, of which Col. Wm. E. Anderson, one of the best bank men North Carolina has produced, was the first president. From the very first the young man gave signs of extraordinary ability, an ability to grasp ideas quickly, to reason logically, and to do things successfully. The officers of the bank were quick to realize this and his rise was rapid. In 1894 he was made president of the



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bank. Since that time he has held this position and under his regime the deposits of the bank have been tripled. The bank is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and although it has paid an annual dividend of 10 per cent., its surplus is more than \$150,000, with other undivided profits amounting to \$25,000. It has never passed a dividend and has never had to vary its prompt and efficient methods of business when passing through the severest panics.

Brother Brown has always been very actively identified with public institutions and organizations. The confidence in his ability is shown by the fact that in nearly every work with which he has been connected he has been called upon to act in the chief executive capacity. He is an ex-president of the State Bankers' Association, and has served as vice-president. For three years he served as a member of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association. When the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Raleigh was reorganized he was chairman of the Committee on Reorganization, and served thereafter for two terms as its president, under the new regime. He is now president of the Raleigh Clearing House Association. Two years ago the Jefferson Standard Fire Insurance Co. was organized with a capital of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. Although extremely young, it has insurance on its books amounting to \$7,500,000. Brother Brown is president of this company and also vice-president of the Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. In these two companies alone he represents more than \$2,000,000 of capital. For more than twenty-five years he was treasurer of the City of Raleigh. He is a member of the committee to build an auditorium for the city.

His labors, however, are not confined to the business world alone, for he has given a good share of his time to charitable and church work. He was president, and is still a member of the Governing Board of the Associated Charities of the City of Raleigh. At the last session of the State Legislature he was made a member of the State Board of Charities. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church, and for three terms has represented his church in the General Conferences of the Southern Church. Some years ago when the Missionary Ecumenical Conference met in

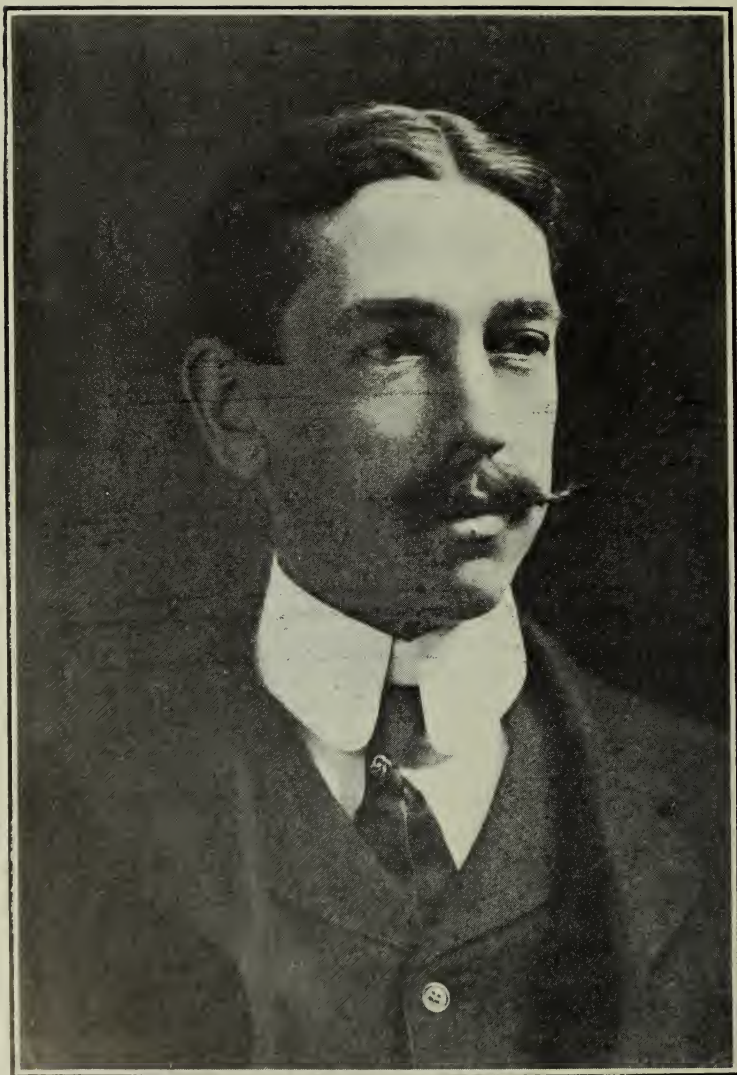
New York he was a delegate to the conference. At present he is one of the five members of the Epworth League Board of the Southern Church. He is a trustee of Trinity College, of the Raney Library, and is trustee and treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage of the City of Raleigh. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State of North Carolina, Past Grand Representative of the Sovereign Lodge of the World of that order, and President of the Raleigh Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega.

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XIII—HOMER FOLKS (Michigan Beta Omicron).

BROTHER HOMER FOLKS, of New York City, who was Commissioner of Public Charities of New York City under Mayor Low, and who was First Vice-President of the White House Conference on Dependent Children of which President Roosevelt was the presiding officer, was one of the first university men to choose the field of charitable work, or as it is now better known social work, for his career. He first entered Albion College in 1886, graduating from Harvard in 1890. In August of that year he became General Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania with headquarters at Philadelphia. In this position he gained an intimate knowledge of the care of destitute, neglected and delinquent children of whom there is a standing army of 150,000 in the city, and especially of the plan of caring for them in families. This subject has remained his special interest and he is one of the leading experts in this field. In February, 1893, he accepted the Secretaryship of the New York State Charities Aid Association, succeeding John H. Finley, now President of the College of the City of New York. This position he has since held except during his term of office as Commissioner of Public Charities. The State Charities Aid Association is an unofficial organization working for the improvement of public charities of all kinds. As Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of this association, of which Hon. Joseph H. Choate is President, Brother Folks has taken an active and in many cases a leading



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part in the organized movements for the improvement of public charitable institutions in the City and State of New York, since 1893. Among the efforts in which he took an active part were the establishment of the Craig colony for epileptics, the securing of a constitutional amendment recognizing the State Board of Charities and giving it power to control the granting of public aid to private charities, the division of the Department of Charities and Correction of New York City into two separate departments, one of charities and one of correction, the establishment of a State Hospital for consumptives, the revision of the Charities Chapter of the Greater New York Charter in 1897 and in 1901, and the creation of a Children's Court in New York City. His participation in local politics resulted in his election, in 1897, as a member of the first Municipal Assembly of Greater New York, from the twenty-ninth assembly district on the Citizens' Union ticket, for a term of two years. He resigned from the Municipal Assembly in the fall of 1899 to accept the Republican nomination for the Assembly. In the winter of 1899-1900 he was a special agent of the U. S. Commission to the Paris Exposition, and assisted in securing a comprehensive exhibit on the subject of American Charities.

In April, 1900, at the request of General Leonard Wood, Military Governor of Cuba, he spent six weeks in Cuba studying the public relief of that island. He prepared a charities law, which was enacted in July, 1900, creating an Insular Department of Charities, establishing State institutions for destitute and delinquent children, and for the insane, and a bureau for placing children in families. This bureau was organized under his personal direction and succeeded within two years in reducing the number of destitute children in institutions in Cuba from over 5,000 to less than 2,000.

As Commissioner of Public Charities during the years 1902-1903, in the administration of Mayor Low, Brother Folks was in control of hospitals, almshouses and other institutions containing an average of over nine thousand inmates, having more than two thousand employees and with an annual expenditure of \$2,000,000. Early in 1902 he organized the first municipal hospital for consumptives in the United States, which developed

within two years to a hospital with nearly 500 patients. During these two years the department was practically reorganized and was carried on in such a manner as to receive the unqualified and unanimous commendation of the press and of the public generally.

During the legislative session of 1905, he was instrumental in securing the passage of the bill creating a special State Probation Commission to investigate the operations of probation work throughout the State. Later he was appointed by Governor Higgins as Chairman of the commission. As a result of the report of this commission, a permanent State Probation Commission was established in 1907, of which Mr. Folks was made Chairman by Governor Hughes. This was the first permanent State department of this character. A similar one has since been established in Massachusetts.

In the National Conference of Charities and Correction, Mr. Folks has been Chairman of the section on the Insane, the section on Child-Saving Work, and the section on Municipal and County Charities. As Chairman of the latter section he submitted in 1898 a report showing the actual methods of administration of charity by each of the seventy largest cities of the United States.

Brother Folks has published a history of the Care of Destitute, Neglected and Delinquent Children in the United States, contributed to the *Charities Review* during 1899-1900, and published in book form by the Macmillan Company in January, 1902, and numerous reports, pamphlets and magazine articles.

F Folks is a member of the Board of Trustees of the City Club of New York; Vice-Chairman of the National Child Labor Committee; member of the Central Council of the Charity Organization Society; member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis; member of the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association; member of the Board of Directors of the Loeb Convalescent Home; and member of the Advisory Board of the State Health Department. He was first layman elected to the Vice-Presidency of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

During the last few years, the State Charities Aid Association has turned its attention to ascertaining and controlling some of

the important causes of poverty. It is the representative in New York State, outside of New York City, of the National Tuberculosis Association. The New York State campaign for the prevention of tuberculosis, carried on largely under Mr. Folks' direction, has been considered as effective as that in any state in the Union. In two years, important laws for the prevention of tuberculosis have been passed, a campaign of education carried on in all parts of the State, and over a million dollars invested in hospitals, sanatoria, dispensaries and other anti-tuberculosis agencies.

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THE ROOTER.

Eager, upon the bleachers,
The faithful rooter sits,
His brain it seethes with strikes and balls
And runs and bunts and hits.
The sweat pours from his fervent face,
His throat is hoarse with hoots,
And be it victory or defeat—
He roots!

O, rooter on the bleachers,
You point a moral plain;
In life, who wants his side to win,
Must root with might and main!
He doesn't "knock" if luck runs hard,
No "roast" his humor suits.
But always, first, last, all the time—
He roots!

—St. Louis *Post Dispatch*.

FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE VIII.

(Nashville, November 25, 1909.)

PROVINCE VIII has awakened after a long and silent slumber, and came to the front during the Thanksgiving time with one of the most successful conclaves held in the South for many years past. Beta Pi chapter at Vanderbilt University was the host of the occasion and the leading spirit in the organization of the reunion.

The movement towards having a conclave of this province was first set on foot by those delegates who attended the National Congress in Pittsburgh last December, and the Nashville chapter readily grasped the idea. As a preliminary step a Nashville Alumni Association was formed, and from the very beginning matters assumed a most favorable aspect. Letters were sent to every alumnus in this State, and a very large number of answers were received. About this time Brother Jervey resigned as Province Chief and Dr. R. W. Billington was appointed in his place. With Dr. Billington's co-operation the interest of the local alumni was enlisted in the conclave, and communications were sent to each chapter in Province VIII. From every side there came an enthusiastic response, and the dormant spirit of Province VIII had been aroused.

Representatives from every chapter, including the "baby" Mu Iota of Kentucky, put in an appearance and attended the various functions of the two days' meeting. The first delegates arrived on Wednesday morning, and from that time on there was a continuous incoming of Alpha Taus from every section of the State. The Beta Pi chapter house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and every man that crossed its threshold was given a warm and hearty welcome that smacked of the true Alpha Tau hospitality.

On Wednesday evening those men who had already arrived were entertained at the various dances given by the local fra-

ternities throughout the university, and an informal smoker was held at the chapter house. On Thursday morning at 10.30 Province Chief R. W. Billington called the first business meeting of the first conclave to order. After stating the purposes of the meeting to the delegates, he called for an election of a secretary-treasurer of the body. W. W. Carson, Jr., of Tennessee Pi, was unanimously chosen. The representatives from the respective chapters were then called upon to present their reports. With one exception there was a favorable report from every chapter. Tennessee Omega failed to have a delegate present. It was known by the Province Chief and by most of the members present that nearly the whole of the Omega chapter (which consists of only five men) were in town, and they were severely criticised by the Province Chief for such negligent action.

Beta Pi and Mu Iota seemed to be in the best financial condition, and there was not a single chapter that reported in arrears. The great showing that Tennessee Alpha Tau is now making was also the subject of much favorable comment among those in attendance. This chapter sent four delegates of the most enthusiastic type to the conclave. But in addition to the representatives from the different chapters there were also present members of the local alumni and other men from the larger cities of Tennessee. A full discussion was had as to such matters that related to the expense and convenience of holding the conclave, and a committee was appointed by the Province Chief to draw up a tentative draft of a constitution and by-laws. By a motion it was passed that the next conclave be held in Nashville on the same dates as the one of 1909. Other business of a like nature was brought before the meeting, and to expedite matters the Province Chief formed committees to work upon the matters and report to him at a later date.

On the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day the members attended the football game between Vanderbilt and Sewanee for the championship of the South. They witnessed a great game and helped "considerably" to make up the 10,000 people who swarmed Dudley Field. Mayor James H. Malone, of Memphis, an ardent Alpha Tau, was the honor guest in Beta Pi's private box at the game, being in a party of men from the local chapter.

But by far the most pleasing and enthusiastic gathering of the two days was the banquet on Thanksgiving night. The spacious halls and rooms of the Nashville chapter house were converted into a large dining hall and seats were arranged for seventy-five guests. The entertainment started promptly at eight o'clock and lasted until eleven. Mayor James H. Malone, of Memphis, acted as toastmaster of the occasion, and his pleasant wit and beaming countenance sent thrills of enthusiasm tingling through the veins of the faithful Alpha Taus in attendance. Brother Malone is one of those true types of the pioneer Alpha Tau Omegas, and he accounted for his overflowing amount of enthusiasm by stating that it was his first meeting with a "bunch" of A. T. O.'s in nearly thirty-eight years. A member from each chapter was called upon to respond to a toast, and the keynote of every speech was "closer union" and more effective work throughout Province VIII. W. W. Carson responded for Tennessee Pi; R. S. Dean for Tennessee Beta Tau; H. H. Thompson for Tennessee Alpha Tau; W. H. Dubose for Tennessee Omega; P. R. Blakemore for Kentucky Mu Iota, and Phil M. Canale for Tennessee Beta Pi. Province Chief R. W. Billington also made a brilliant talk, as did Dr. James M. Trout, of Jackson, and P. S. Brown, of Spring Hill.

Every man present expressed his opinion that the conclave was the most successful meeting held among Alpha Taus for many years. Interest has now been aroused and Province VIII will no longer be classed among the "dormant." Our present chief is a loyal supporter of the fraternity and an ardent worker for its cause. He stated that it was his intention to keep in close touch with every chapter and asked their necessary co-operation and assistance in his work. He will pay each chapter one or more visits during the coming year.

Too much credit can not be accorded the men of Beta Pi chapter at Vanderbilt for the manner in which they aroused the interest and secured the support of the alumni and the other chapters of the province in order to make the conclave a success. They expended time and money and looked after even the smallest detail. The entire expense of the conclave was borne by the active members of the Vanderbilt chapter, with the exception

of a small contribution on the part of the Nashville Alumni Association. Beta Pi has worked hard for Alpha Tau Omega, and it is the present chapter that has placed A. T. O. among the leading fraternities in Vanderbilt University. Not only has Beta Pi done this, but it has also aroused the Alpha Tau spirit all over the State and has given Province VIII a fresh start to new victories and further achievement.

The following members were present at the banquet: Mayor James H. Malone, Memphis; Dr. James Trout, Jackson; Prof. R. L. Jones, O. L. Quillian and Percy Brown, Spring Hill; W. E. Bolling, Wallace Wells, Bellbuckle; Rev. William Haskell Dubose, Sewanee; Dr. R. W. Billington, G. G. Crawford, Chattanooga; Dr. G. C. Trawick, Bradley Walker, Cristy Bennett, Richmond, Va.; W. W. Carson, Knoxville; P. R. Blakemore, Lexington, Ky.; R. E. Sullivan, Jackson; Messrs. Gray, Buford, Rains and Thompson, Clarksville; John Puckett, Frank White Gailor, Sewanee, and the following members of the local chapter: R. B. McGehee, B. E. Mitchell, P. M. Canale, J. W. Rodgers, Paul Moore, W. M. Stanton, C. D. Turner, Leslie Lyde, Harry Moore, Yancey Moore, Stanley Rudderman, Edward Cain, William Warner, Harry H. McAlister, Donald Davidson, Glenn Rheams, O'Neil Bomer, Ewing Werloin, Walter Sanford, W. W. Alexander and T. C. Chapman.

Plans have been arranged to begin the erection of a house for the Vanderbilt chapter in the near future, and the committee to arrange for this will be selected soon.

PHIL M. CANALE.

Sigma Chi has recently installed a joint chapter at Western Reserve University and the Case School of Applied Science. These institutions are next door neighbors and this seems a wise move, but our separate chapters at these institutions while they are as friendly as possible, each cherish the individuality of their chapter life and would not willingly surrender it for the anticipated but untried advantages of union.—*Beta Theta Pi.*



In Memoriam.

GILBERT NEWTON BATCHELDER,

(Rhode Island Gamma Delta.)

Born, 1879; Initiated, 1896;

Died, April 10, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

WILLIAM L. AMMON,

(Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon.)

Initiated, 1890; Died, July, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

CLARK WARING, II,

(Tennessee Omega.)

Initiated, 1907; Died, September, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

JOHN RESTON GILES,

(North Carolina Alpha Delta.)

Initiated, 1904; Died, July, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

HON. MARION MONROE HOPE, ✓

(Tennessee Lambda.)

Born, 1848; Initiated, 1870;

Died, August, 1909.

Requiescat in pace.

GILBERT NEWTON BATCHELDER.

Gilbert Newton Batchelder, of the class of 1900, died of malarial fever at Manzanillo, Cuba, last April, aged 29 years, 9 months, 26 days. Mr. Batchelder was born at Newfane, Vermont, June 14, 1879, and was the son of Newton M. and Jennie Lang Batchelder. He prepared for college at the high school in Brattleboro, Vt., and was graduated from Brown in the class of 1900 with the degree of Sc. B. He pursued his studies at Columbia University, specializing in chemistry, and received the degree of A. M. in 1901. From August, 1901, to July, 1902, he was city chemist and provincial analyst at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, when he accepted the position of chemist with the American Beet Sugar Company, Oxnard, Cal. In December, 1902, he went to Kohala, Hawaii, as chemist and mill superintendent for the Kohala Sugar Company, where he remained four years. During the year 1907 he was in Santo Domingo, and was with Hugh Kelly & Co., in Ceiba Hueca, Cuba, when stricken with his fatal illness. Mr. Batchelder was married in September, 1904, to Miss Florence Fream, of Montevideo, Minn., who survives him, together with his father and one sister, Miss Florence Batchelder, both of Fitchburg, Mass.—*Brown Alumni Monthly*.

MARION MONROE HOPE.

Judge M. M. Hope, for many years a prominent figure in county and municipal affairs, died at Erlanger Hospital shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon following a short illness. His death was directly due to pulmonary embolism and came unexpectedly. He became ill last Monday and went to his home, 609 Chestnut Street, where he remained until Saturday, when he was removed to the hospital. His condition was not considered alarming and no apprehension was felt by his relatives until yesterday morning, when he suffered a complete collapse. His relatives were hurriedly summoned and were present at his bedside when he expired.

Judge Hope was 61 years of age, and is survived by two sons, Lapsley W. and Marion G. Hope, both of whom live in Chattanooga; three brothers, Dr. W. T. Hope, of this city; H. W. Hope, of London County, and Fred T. Hope, whose home is in California. Two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, of Forth Worth, Tex., and Mrs. Robert Mabry, of Spokane, Wash., also survive him.

Hon. Marion Monroe Hope was born September 14, 1848, in Roane County, where he spent his early life. He was educated at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., receiving both a literary and law degree from that institution. Casting about him for a place to practice his profession, Judge Hope decided upon Chattanooga, coming here in 1871. He at once began the practice of law, being associated in a law partnership with Judge W. L. Eakin and later with Judge W. H. DeWitt. He prac-

ticed law continuously for more than ten years in Chattanooga and was regarded as a very able young practitioner. He was married soon after he came to Chattanooga to Miss Mary E. Green, daughter of Dr. Lapsley Y. Green. His wife died in 1887.

Judge Hope's public career has been extensive and he has been very prominent in politics almost from the year of his arrival in Chattanooga. His first public office was that of alderman from the Second Ward, to which he was elected in the early eighties.

He served two terms as alderman and soon after the expiration of his term of office became a member of the registration commission and held that office for a number of years. He was active in the incorporation of the town of Lookout Mountain, and was one of the first commissioners of the corporation. In this capacity he was instrumental in securing the construction of the famous Lookout Inn, which was burned last fall.

His chief work in public affairs was as a member of the county court, where he had served over twenty years, being at the time of his death a member from the First District. His term would not have expired until 1912. He has served at least three terms as justice of the peace, but between terms was judge of the city court for a term which included the stirring scenes of the Spanish-American War, when thousands of soldiers were encamped at Chickamauga. His term as city judge, from which he derived his title of "judge," was a strenuous one, as he probably had more offenders to deal with than any predecessor or successor. He made a capable judge, however, and was a strong candidate for nomination to the same office last year, but withdrew before the primary. During his term as city judge he established the "whipping post," a method of correction for juvenile offenders, whose youth prevented the imposition of jail sentences. The custom of allowing the parents of a refractory boy or girl to whip the offender instead of paying a fine met with approval and has since been adopted in many other cities. Judge Hope was exceedingly proud of having instituted the custom locally and pointed with pride to the fact that the custom had been taken up in many other cities.

Judge Hope's record in the county court is an enviable one. He was the oldest member of that body in point of service and has assisted in many undertakings for county improvement. He was a member of the building committee of the courthouse and as such rendered valuable aid in the work of the committee.

At the time of his death he was a member of the finance committee, probably the most important committee of the county court, and his work as a member has been thorough and always for the best interests of the county and the taxpayers.

For years he has maintained an office as justice of the peace on Cherry Street between Eighth and Ninth and his office has been a gathering place for old residents of the city who have seen it grow from a country town to an important business center.

In the fall of 1892, Judge Hope suffered a stroke of partial paralysis while spending a time on Lookout Mountain. Circumstances that caused the attack were doubtless the direct outcome of his poignant grief at the death of his wife, a bereavement from which he never recovered. The paralytic stroke was so severe that he was for a time believed to be dead. In fact, it was reported in the city that he was dead and his obituary was published in *The Times*.

From the time of his illness he ceased to take his former active and ambitious interest in public affairs and a career that would doubtless have culminated in high position was effectually checked.

Esquire A. J. Gahagan, a colleague of Judge Hope in the county court, last night, without solicitation, paid tribute to the deceased as a public man.

"He was a useful man in the county court," said Esquire Gahagan, "and his work there will be greatly missed. As a member of the finance committee of which I happen to be chairman, Judge Hope has been an able and a conscientious assistant. All questions affecting the county's credit were carefully considered by him and he gauged his every action as a member of the court by what he considered the best interests of the county. He was loyal to the county and there is not a blot upon his record as a member of the court. His words were always received with consideration by his colleagues, for there is not a man in the county court who gave a more conscientious service to the county than Judge Hope.

"Personally he was a big-hearted man, a man with a heart as tender as that of a woman. Few men understood him, but I found him to be a man whose friendship could be relied upon at all times and who, if once your friend, was always your very true friend. He will be missed as few men in the city would be missed."—*Chattanooga* (Tenn.) *Times*.

The death of Judge M. M. Hope, which occurred at Erlanger Hospital yesterday afternoon, will occasion general regret throughout the city and the announcement will be read with genuine sorrow by a wide circle of friends. Judge Hope has been a conspicuous figure in the public life of Chattanooga for nearly forty years and during that entire period he has been in many ways a useful citizen. He was, until 1892, when he suffered a stroke of partial paralysis, a leading and active lawyer of the city and an influential politician. He was a man of fine sense and sound judgment, and up to the time of his affliction he was regarded as one of the rising men of the state. He was intensely partisan in his political views and regarded it as a virtue to take whatever fair advantage of his party's opponents' circumstances, under a liberal construction of the law, offered, but no one ever charged him with being a party to dishonest or unlawful actions. His personal integrity and his honesty of convictions were freely accorded by his most inveterate political enemies, and of that he was proud. Since 1892 Judge Hope, while still maintaining

much of his old time force and strength of character, did not enjoy the same mental vigor and physical powers for which he had before been distinguished, yet he retained a strong hold upon that rare "common sense," as it is called, which made him a valuable representative of the people in the county court, where he has served continuously for nearly three terms. He was a foe to dishonesty and public misfeasance in whatever form it appeared, and of that quality in him the people always took due notice when he came before them for election to office.

He was a staunch friend; true to his convictions; a lover of the people, and in all respects a personally admirable man, and to those closest to him very lovable.

The last seventeen years of his life were pathetic ones—he was conscious of his failing powers and his inability through the vicissitudes of declining health and waning strength to achieve the ambitions of his younger years; and all that was left to him was to do the best he could and leave the conclusion to his Maker, upon whom he at all times maintained a reverential reliance. At heart he was clean and manly and never wittingly did a neighbor or a fellow creature a wrong. He goes to his reward enjoying the friendly esteem of all who knew him—and that in the pathetic circumstances of his life must be regarded as his master achievement. But for the affliction that came to him in his early manhood we are justified in believing that Monroe Hope would have achieved something large and worth while for himself and his country.—*Editorial from local newspaper.*

Acacia is the name of a fraternity composed of free masons. It seems at some places freely to offer membership to members of the fraternities and at other places to exclude them. Its chapter roll is quite formidable and although only founded in 1904 it is now at the following institutions: Michigan, Stanford, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Ohio State, Harvard, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Cornell, Purdue, Chicago, Yale, Columbia, Iowa, Iowa State and Pennsylvania State.—*Beta Theta Pi.*



The Alumni.

A. T. O. IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Founder Glazebrook, after many years of service, has retired as the chaplain of the Second Regiment of the New Jersey National Guard. The Elizabeth (N. J.) *Daily Journal* prints the following, which will be read with great interest by all our readers:

Under the Vredenburg Act, the Rev. Otis Allen Glazebrook, D. D., rector of St. John's Episcopal Church and chaplain of the Second Regiment, has been retired from active service in the National Guard by the execution of an order from Governor Fort. The act calls for retirement after the age of 64 years is reached, and there is some talk in Trenton at the present time that the law may be declared unconstitutional by the Court of Errors and Appeals in November. In the event of such a decision, Dr. Glazebrook would again be in active service.

A pretty feature of the retirement is, notwithstanding the fact that Dr. Glazebrook was in the Confederate army, Governor Fort takes occasion to say in the order of retirement, "His patriotism and love of his country are unquestioned."

The order of retirement follows:

"Captain Otis A. Glazebrook, chaplain, Second Infantry, having reached the age of 64 years, is relieved from active duty and placed upon the retired list, pursuant to chapter three, laws of 1909, entitled 'A supplement to an act entitled "An act concerning the militia of the State approved May 16, 1906, approved March 2, 1909."' "

"Captain Glazebrook entered the National Guard of this State as chaplain, Third Infantry, July 12, 1887, and was retired May 2, 1899, by reason of disbandment of the regiment; recommissioned captain and chaplain, Second Infantry, June 1, 1899.

"He volunteered his services in the war with Spain, and was commissioned captain and chaplain of the Third New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, April 27, 1898; resigned December 8, 1898.

"In zeal for the National Guard and fidelity to the State, Captain Glazebrook is recognized, in the Guard, as pre-eminent. In his retirement there will be a great loss. His patriotism and love of country are unquestioned. Always an intense American, as well as a faithful National Guardsman, he carries into his retirement the respect and confidence of all.

"By order of the Governor.

"WILBUR F. SADLER, JR.,
"The Adjutant-General."

The Rev. Otis Allen Glazebrook, D. D., was born at Richmond, Va., October 13, 1845. It was when he was only 15 years old and a student at Randolph Macon College, in Virginia, that the State seceded from the Union. He at once left college and was appointed a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington. It was this institution that afterward became the West Point of the South, the graduates being given the rank of second lieutenant in the Confederate army. Dr. Glazebrook and other cadets were at this time sent into the army as drill masters and aides. He was in the battle of Fair Oaks, sometimes known as Seven Pines, being attached to General Huger's command.

After this battle Dr. Glazebrook returned to the military institute and was later assigned to duty with the cadet corps under General Stonewall Jackson. He was with the famous Confederate commander during the great Valley Campaign, taking an active part in the battles of McDowell and Franklin. After this he was sent as drill master to the recruiting camp at Hermitage.

Returning to the military institute after his tour of duty, Dr. Glazebrook was ordered to join General Breckenridge. In the battle of Newmarket he commanded a gun of the cadet artillery, being complimented by Major McLoughlin for his bravery in this engagement. He later returned to the Institute and then took part in the battle of Lexington, when that town was burned by General Hunter. After Lexington, Dr. Glazebrook was ordered to the suburbs of Richmond with the remainder of the Cadet Corps and served in the trenches on the north side of the St. James River until General Lee's retreat from Richmond to Appomattox.

Dr. Glazebrook was present at the famous surrender of Lee, being only 19 years old at the time. He was later one of the detail that escorted the remains of General Stonewall Jackson to his grave at Lexington.

The Virginia Military Institute resumed in the fall of '65 and he returned, being graduated at the head of his class with the rank of adjutant of the Cadet Corps.

After the war he took up the study of law, but not finding it to his liking, he entered the Episcopal Seminary, at Fairfax, from which he was graduated. His first charge was in Virginia, and from there he went to Baltimore. While in Baltimore he was made chaplain of the Fifth

Infantry, Maryland's crack regiment. He served five years. Dr. Glazebrook then went to Macon, Ga., where he was appointed chaplain of the Georgia militia, serving four years. After leaving Macon he returned to Virginia and became chaplain of the State University.

Dr. Glazebrook came to this city twenty-four years ago as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. He was almost immediately appointed chaplain of the Third Regiment Infantry, National Guard of New Jersey. When the call for troops came in 1898, he accompanied his regiment into the service. Other officers who did not care to make the sacrifice remained at home. Upon the return of the regiment in 1889 and the reorganization of the guard, the old Third was disbanded, becoming what is now the Second Regiment. Dr. Glazebrook was appointed chaplain of this regiment.

At the time that General Gilmore was colonel of the Second Regiment a vacancy as lieutenant-colonel occurred and Chaplain Glazebrook and General Dennis F. Collins became candidates for the appointment. The latter won by a single vote. Dr. Glazebrook was then offered the appointment in the vacant office of major, and although he could have been elected by acclamation, he refused. Had he accepted, in the course of events, he would, at the present time be colonel of the Second Regiment.

Upon the organization of the First Confederate Veteran Camp in New York, about ten years ago, he was elected its first chaplain. He was also the first chaplain of the Southern Society of New York.



The acceptance by Worthy Grand Chief Hickok of a call to the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, of Washington, D. C., was announced in these pages in the September number. The following, taken from one of Washington's dailies, is descriptive of the ceremonies incident to his installation:

Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok was installed as pastor of Metropolitan Presbyterian Church last night by the Presbytery of Washington to succeed Rev. Dr. Albert Evans, now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Lockport, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Henry Rumer, pastor of the Kensington (Md.) Presbyterian Church, and moderator of the Presbytery of Washington, presided over the session.

The Scripture lesson was read at the opening of the service by Rev. Charles L. Neibel, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, after which Rev. Robert A. Davidson, pastor of the Falls Church (Va.) Presbyterian Church, offered a brief prayer, in which he invoked the divine aid to the pastor who was being installed in his new field of endeavor.

Newton T. Hammer sang "The Lord is My Light," after which Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, preached a

sermon. Dr. Rumer propounded the constitutional questions to Rev. Mr. Hickok, and at the close declared him duly installed as pastor of the church.

The father of the new pastor, Rev. Dr. Francis M. Hickok, of Wooster, Ohio, delivered the charge to his son, and was followed by Rev. Dr. John Chester, of this city, the first pastor of Metropolitan Church, who charged the members of the congregation on their duty to the pastor.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Bittinger, stated clerk of the Presbytery of Washington, delivered the installation prayer. The benediction was given by the new pastor.

Rev. Mr. Hickok is a native of Nebraska City, Neb. At an early age he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and become a minister. With this end in view he entered Wooster University, at Wooster, Ohio, where he graduated in three years, having taken the four-year course in that time. He then entered Auburn Theological Seminary, at Auburn, N. Y., and before he had finished his course was called to the assistant pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, of Wichita, Kan. After a short period at this church he was called to the pastorate of the "Old Stone" Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained three years.

From Cleveland he went to the First Presbyterian Church, of Delaware, Ohio, which he had held for seven years when the call reached him, several months ago, to the Metropolitan Church, of this city. For a number of years Rev. Mr. Hickok has been chaplain of the 5th Regiment, National Guard of Ohio. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Elliott. She was a student at Wooster University at the time Rev. Mr. Hickok was attending that institution.



Michigan and Wisconsin men seem to get into the political game early in their careers. Brother Paul Braunschweiger (Michigan Beta Lambda) celebrated his twenty-first birthday by achieving an election to the municipal legislative body of Troy, Ohio. He is said to be the youngest councilman in the country. The subjoined clipping will be read with interest:

TROY, O., May 6.—Paul Braunschweiger, of Troy, 21, son of the late George W. Braunschweiger, who was elected to fill the vacancy in council caused by the death of his father, George Braunschweiger, was chosen by unanimous vote. He is believed to be the youngest councilman in the United States. His twenty-first birthday occurred last December, and he has not yet cast a vote in any of the city elections. He graduated from the Troy High School in 1906, and attended Michigan University at Ann Arbor one year. He was a traveling salesman a year, but recently engaged in the restaurant business with his father. He will take his seat at the next meeting and serve a little over six months.

The *Editor and Publisher*, a journal devoted to the newspaper publishing business, prints the features of Brother Harry E. Harman (Penna. Alpha Upsilon) and the following:

One of the most active trade paper publishers of the South during the past dozen years is H. E. Harman, of Atlanta, who has served as president of the Southern Trade Press Association for two full terms. He lately made two notable purchases of trade paper property.

For many years he had wanted to own the oldest trade paper in the South—*Dixie*. Years ago he offered \$10,000 cash for the paper, but it could not be bought for that price. Mr. Harman bided his time. Last fall the publishers of *Dixie*, now known as *The Dixie Woodworker*, became involved in financial troubles and the paper came on the market. Mr. Harman recently closed a deal with the receiver by which he becomes the sole owner of the oldest and one of the best known trade publications in the South. He says that he will enlarge and improve *Dixie* and make of it a power in the industrial development of the South.

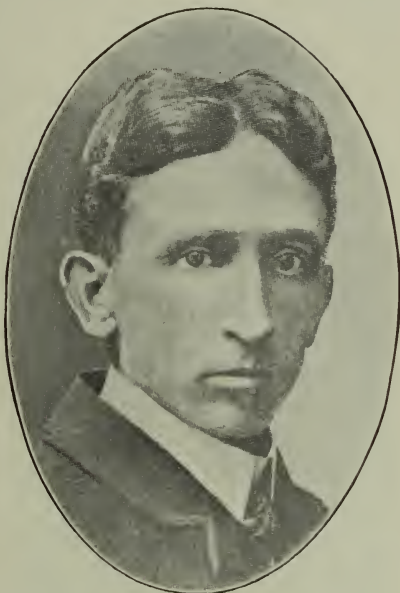
Mr. Harman completed the transaction for the purchase of *Cotton Oil* about a month ago. For years he has published the *Cottonseed Oil Magazine* in opposition to which *Cotton Oil* was started a year or two ago. It is stated, as a matter of interest, that he purchased *Cotton Oil* from the firm to whom he sold the well known paper *Cotton* two years ago for \$40,000.

Mr. Harman is also the sole owner of *The Southern Architect*. Atlanta is the home office of all three of his publications.

Brother Harman is the author of a collection of poems, recently published, "At the Gate of Dreams," which the PALM will review in a later number.



The PALM is particularly gratified to note the election of Brother Harry F. Schantz (Penna. Alpha Iota) to the office of



president of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schantz is the leader of Alpha Tau Omega in Reading, Pa., and it is pleasant to note that the same qualities that have endeared him to Reading and Pennsylvania Alpha Taus have secured him an election to the high honor of directing the affairs of one of the foremost learned societies of the Keystone State. From the vast number of clippings sent us by admiring friends and brothers we select the following:



Dr. Harry F. Schantz, one of Myerstown's sons, and a Homeopathic practitioner in the City of Reading, was recently highly honored by the Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania, in annual session, at Scranton, by being unanimously chosen its president. Dr. Schantz, besides being honored with this high office, received the distinction of being the youngest president the society ever had.

In Reading, Dr. Schantz is ranked among the leading physicians. He is surgeon and secretary of the staff of the Homeopathic Hospital, and in medical societies throughout the State he is well known and highly rated. Although Dr. Schantz will not assume his new office until 1910, he will be a busy man in the

interests of the society in the meantime. When the responsibilities of the presidency of the society fall upon him, he will have associated with him a number of prominent medical men of the State.

Dr. Schantz is a native of this place, and the only son of the late Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, who for nearly half a century was pastor of the Lutheran congregation, Myerstown, and one of the most widely known ministers of the Lutheran Church. Like his distinguished father, Dr. Schantz has won fame through a deepseated knowledge of his profession.

Dr. Schantz is a graduate of Palatinate College, now Albright College, Myerstown; Muhlenberg College, Allentown; and the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. In 1892 he located in Reading, where he has practiced medicine ever since. Associated with him in his profession is his wife, Dr. Margaret Hassler-Schantz, a daughter of the late Dr. Wil-

liam A. Hassler, of Allentown, who died quite recently. Mrs. Dr. Schantz, like her husband, is a highly regarded physician.

Dr. Schantz, being a young man and a native of Myerstown, is well remembered and highly respected by the citizens generally, who will feel delighted in his up-lift in life and with the *Enterprise* join in extending him congratulations.



Norval Richardson (Tenn. Alpha Tau) has been appointed to the office of Secretary of the American Legation at Havana, Cuba. It goes without the saying that the post to which Brother Richardson has been appointed is a most important one, and it is pleasant to know that his training and experience are such that he will discharge its responsibilities with ability and distinction. The Southern newspapers have given no little space to the appointment, but PALM readers must be content with the reproduction of a brief extract from the Vicksburg (Miss.) *Daily Herald*:

Mr. Norval Richardson leaves Washington to-day for his post in the United States diplomatic service at Havana, Cuba. The appointment of Mr. Richardson to this important position in the government service is, of course, a source of high gratification to his numerous friends here and elsewhere, but it has a special and much wider significance than that of a tribute to his own individual worth and fitness.

It may be regarded as being, in a measure, a recognition of the South and of Southern excellence; a proof of the administration's expressed desire that this portion of the common country shall take its part in the conduct of national affairs and responsibilities, both at home and abroad.

The assignment, therefore, of a typically Southern man to such a position can not fail to be acceptable to the whole South; and, in the present instance, that satisfaction must be increased by the assurance that the representative chosen is one who may be relied on to reflect the



personal favor which he inspires upon the State, as well as the country from which he comes.

Much greater care is now exercised in the selection of diplomatic agents than was formerly the case. The examinations have been made far more rigid, and acceptance of a candidate implies the possession of qualities of the highest order, both intellectual and personal. Mr. Richardson was one of the few applicants chosen from a large number; and his appointment to the particular post to which he was assigned must be taken as a further proof of the confidence reposed in his ability to fill such a position acceptably. In the words of one of the best informed authorities on public and political affairs, the Cuban embassy is one of peculiar importance just at present, requiring the work of men of especial tact and talent, and affording perhaps greater opportunities for individual distinction and rapid advancement than any other in the service.

That Mr. Richardson will fully discharge the responsibilities entrusted to him, and that far higher places await him in the future, is the confident expectation of all who know him. He possesses an engaging personality, lofty ideals, and a clear and highly cultivated intellect. Above all, he unites the qualities of intellectuality and practical sense; a combination which is as rare as it is valuable.

While yielding to none in the feeling of pride in the Union, the South loves to think of itself as in a measure a distinct nation, and as such it is pleasing to feel that other countries may learn to know it through so acceptable a representative.



The *Wisconsin Press* prints the following concerning Brother M. P. Ravenel (Tenn. Omega):

The honor of appointment to the International Committee for the Study of Methods of Control of Bovine Tuberculosis has just been conferred upon Dr. M. P. Ravenel, professor of Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin and head of the State Hygienic Laboratory there. Only one other Wisconsin man, ex-Governor W. D. Hoard, who is president of the Board of University Regents, was named in the twelve eminent bacteriologists, veterinarians, stockmen and meat packers composing the committee. Dr. Ravenel is also chairman of the Committee on Standard Methods of Laboratory Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in the American Public Health Association, which he addressed at its annual convention on "Cold Storage of Cream."



Brother Charles H. Betts (Mich. Alpha Mu), of Lyons, New York, is the editor and publisher of the *Lyons Republican* and one

of the leaders of the Republican party of his section of the State. A recently issued handbook and guide of his city sketches his career as follows:

Charles Henry Betts, editor and proprietor of the *Lyons Republican* and Republican State Committeeman from the 31st Congressional district, comprising the counties of Cayuga, Ontario, Wayne and Yates, represents the authority of the Republican State organization in his district, and as such shapes local party affairs. Although a young man—being the youngest member of the State Committee—his circle of personal acquaintances include the party leaders throughout the State, and by reason of his effective and loyal support of the State organization his friendships among them are strong.

For some years he has occupied desirable positions in the legislature at Albany and has become a proficient politician. Mr. Betts, since acquiring the ownership of the *Lyons Republican*, has attracted attention by his forcible, concise and tense manner in writing of current events. Although many personal interests occupy much of his time, Mr. Betts writes the editorials in his paper and maintains personal supervision of all details in its management.

From a farm in the town of Wolcott, where he was born April 14, 1863, through his own efforts from the time of boyhood, he steadily made his way through school, then mercantile life, and finally to the head of a large weekly newspaper, which is recognized as one of the most influential in the State. His parents, Thomas and Mary Betts, who came from Northampton, Eng., in 1852, died when he was a boy. Through steady employment in many ways, and by means of a clerkship in N. J. Field's store, at North Wolcott, and afterwards in John E. Hough's store, at South Butler, he earned means to assist him in getting more than a district school education, first attending Leavenworth Institute, at Wolcott, N. Y., and afterward Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. While a student in the latter institution he was elected president of the College Republican Club. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega College fraternity. Upon leaving college he became interested in the Hough



Cash Register, in the meantime engaging in active political work. In 1894 he was appointed a deputy clerk in the State Assembly, where he served continuously until in 1899, when he was elevated to the position of Chief of the Revision Department. As such he became the compiler and publisher of the Highway Manual of the State, the official codification of all of the highway laws published as a handbook for the highway commissioners and town officers throughout the State.

Mr. Betts married Miss Albertine Mirick, the daughter of Col. Huntington Rogers, of Lyons, November 20, 1891. They have one daughter, Isabella Mary.

On September 1, 1897, Mr. Betts, in company with two partners, bought the *Lyons Republican*, and from the start was the editor and business manager of the paper. On January 1, 1900, he became sole proprietor of the *Republican*. He is one of the organizers and a director of the Hough Shade Corporation, of Janesville, Wis. He is a member of several fraternal orders.

The *Union Gazette* (Newark, N. Y.) speaks of Brother Betts' political record as follows:

With all his faults, and he has a few like the rest of us, Charles H. Betts, Republican State Committeeman representing this Congressional district, has made a fine record as a leader of his party. He has made some enemies, to be sure, as any man will who is aggressive and enthusiastic in any cause; but taken on the whole his administration of the office has been above the average. Mr. Betts was tireless in his work for the ticket last fall, and was instrumental in having Governor Hughes and Congressman Payne assigned for several speeches in this county; and it was through his efforts that arrangements were made for Mr. Taft to make one address in Wayne County. The Republican majority received by Governor Hughes in Wayne County last fall was the largest ever given, and this Congressional district was declared by Secretary Gleason, of the Republican State Committee, to be the banner Republican district of the State. For much of this, credit must be given to our indefatigable State Committeeman.

More than this, the Republican party in Wayne County seems to be more nearly a unit in its desires and aims this year than it has been in a long time. One of Mr. Betts' political doctrines is that the leader's vision should be as broad as his field, and it is our sincere belief that he puts this cardinal political doctrine into practice. Mr. Betts is resourceful, ambitious, and perhaps sometimes too impulsive to suit some people; but much can be forgiven a man who is willing to spend almost his entire time enthusiastically for a cause. There are so many drones in the world, so many who lack initiative and aggressiveness and who are never whole-hearted in any cause they espouse, that it does a man's heart good to know and work with a man possessed of boundless ambition and enthusiasm.

Those who know Mr. Betts most intimately are his most ardent admirers. They know that he is a deep student of history, political economy, and the best general literature of the world. They have observed that with each succeeding year he has broadened his vision and refined his political methods. He always reaches his point by the most direct route, and men who do that are always criticised and never fail to make some enemies as they pass; but even those who fail to fully appreciate the motives and methods of this aggressive leader must admire his tenacity and must admit that he has made a record for reaching the point he starts for. When a man of strong personality, such as Mr. Betts possesses, sets out to be a leader in any cause he will be criticised and will be accused of working for selfish ends; but people who stand idly by and do little or nothing but criticise are not competent to pronounce final judgment, and so long as Mr. Betts can continue to make his district the banner Congressional district in the State, and to show up such large majorities in Wayne county as Governor Hughes received last fall, we fancy he will have little trouble in retaining the political supremacy which he now so deservedly enjoys.

PERSONAL NOTES.

ALPHA BETA, GEORGIA.

Charles P. Pratt is at present the mayor of the thriving little town of Pell City, Ala., and solicitor of St. Clair County.

ALPHA EPSILON, POLYTECHNIC.

James M. Reid is president of the National Railways of Mexico.

ALPHA THETA, EMORY.

M. C. Quillian is professor of Biology and Geology at Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga.

Walter B. Hare is connected with the U. S. Weather Bureau, at Columbus, Ohio.

ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG.

A baby Tau has made its appearance in the family of Edward Kline.

Claude Shankweiler and Miss Althea Kline have recently been married.

John Stine has been married to Miss Ruth Grasely.

Paul Strodach and Jeremiah Shindel have recently visited Muhlenberg and we were pleased to listen to their chapel talks.

We congratulate J. Richard Merkel upon his appointment to the principalship of the Kingston High School.

Paul Reed is coaching the Reading High School football team.

Rev. Charles Bohner is traveling in the Holy Land.

W. W. Rick represented Reading at the National Convention of the League of American Municipalities, which was held at Montreal.

Rev. W. H. Kline was married to Miss Laura E. Diener, of Brookville, Pa., November 16, 1909.

ALPHA NU, MT. UNION.

Rev. Frank Smith, who is attending Drew Theological Seminary, is the papa of a ten-pound prospective Alpha Tau.

Prof. J. B. Bowman, of Mt. Union College, has almost completely recovered from an operation for appendicitis. He was confined to his bed for nearly five weeks after the surgical operation.

Louis W. Siegrist has charge of the Commercial Department in Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vt.

E. F. Seebirt, '01, was married to Miss Edith E. Gunn at South Bend, Ind. Mr. Seebirt is a lawyer at South Bend. Their address is 503 N. St. Joseph Street, South Bend, Ind.

J. A. Dufford, '98, was married to Miss Ruth B. Riddle at Clintonville, Pa. He is a druggist and is proprietor of a drug store in Clintonville.

P. F. King, '00, a doctor of medicine of Alliance, O., was married to Miss Ruth Burge at Salem, Ohio.

R. D. Reeder and Miss Ruby Weldy were united in marriage. He is with the Cassady Drug Co.

F. E. Shultz and Miss Margaret Gardiner were married. He is assistant manager of a brick plant at Bessemer, Pa.

ALPHA PI, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

F. T. Aschman, Jr., is with an engineering party eighteen miles from Twin Falls, Idaho. His address is Box Y, Twin Falls, Idaho.

F. H. Irwin, '06, has purchased an apple ranch in the famous Hood River Valley, in Oregon. His sisters and father join him this fall to make their home with him. Irwin reports a splendid visit recently made to the Berkeley chapter in California.

ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG.

C. L. S. Raby is instructor in Mathematics at Perkiomen Seminary.

M. B. Bender is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins. W. B. McClure, C. C. Hartman and Guy Stock are also at Johns Hopkins.

"Whitey" Wentzel is in business at Bellwood, Pa.

ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG.

Dr. K. F. R. Hochdoerfer, professor of German at Wittenberg College, was in charge of a party of Springfielders who toured Europe this summer.

Harvey L. Miller, '94, secretary of the Los Angeles Abstract and Trust Co., Los Angeles, Cal., has been spending several weeks renewing old acquaintanceships about the college and the chapter.

Rev. O. F. Weaver, '02, has given up his charge at Newton, Iowa, and has returned to Ohio. Weaver now has charge of Bethany Lutheran Church in Cleveland (a good man for the Cleveland Alumni Association). We are certainly glad to welcome him back to Ohio.

M. L. Beard has secured the position of managing editor of the Dayton Daily Journal, the largest newspaper in the city.

BETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE.

J. B. Baker is doing some scientific farming at Beverly, W. Va.

W. C. Armentrout is in the insurance business at Elkins, W. Va.

S. E. Mocks is one of the promising young lawyers in Jacksonville, Fla.

W. E. McLure is at the University of Virginia.

G. L. Hughes, '09, is doing some engineering feats at Gatun, Canal Zone, Panama.

C. C. Laird is at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

S. S. Phillips, Jr., '07, is teaching in Staunton, Va.

BETA BETA, SOUTHERN.

Henry C. Riley is judge of the twenty-eighth judicial circuit of Missouri and is located in New Madrid, Mo.

BETA ETA, WESLEYAN.

George R. Kingham, '06, is professor of Science at Shattuck Preparatory School, Faribault, Minn.

BETA THETA, CORNELL.

The marriage of Bennett F. Lies, '05, to Miss Edith Argue, of Lima, O., was solemnized November 9, 1909, at Lima.

Fay H. Battey and Frederick O. Ebeling, '09, are with the Steel Corporation; Battey at Joliet, Ill., and Ebeling at Gary, Ind.

W. B. Cornell, '07, is in the Engineering Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York City.

Walter Armstrong, '09, is with the Westinghouse, Church-Kerr Co., New York City.

Cornell, Armstrong and F. C. Loring, Indiana Gamma Omicron, have an apartment at 118 W. 95th St., New York City.

George McDermott, '05, is chief engineer of the Waco Electric Co.

H. H. Mainwaring, '05, was married October 26, 1909, to Miss Helen M. Jones, of Pittston, Pa.

BETA IOTA, GEORGIA TECH.

C. L. Emerson is with the Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. L. Williams is drafting for the Schofield Iron Works, Macon, Ga.

G. W. Barnwell is now taking an electrical course at Boston Tech.

Frank Adair was married to Miss Margaret Ladson on the 26th of October. Both are from Atlanta.

"Bob" Crumley was married to Miss Sarah Morris, of Atlanta, on the 30th of September.

Lewis A. Emerson is an owner of extensive plantations in Summerville, S. C.

BETA LAMBDA, MICHIGAN.

Robert J. Anderson was married to Miss Josephine Jeroe in August. They are living in Sidney, Ohio.

V. M. Kime is actuary for a large St. Louis insurance company.

J. T. Bowles resigned his position as instructor of Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin and has accepted a similar one at the University of Kansas.

E. DeLoss Doty is with the Ohio Oil Co.

C. O. Johnson has a position with the DeMuralt Construction Co.

W. M. Winkler is in the employ of the Detroit Mechanical Stoker Co.

BETA MU, WOOSTER.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. MacManigal, of Nelsonville, Ohio, has been made happy by the safe arrival of twin sons, who were born September 7th. One of them has been named Paul, in recognition of the strong college friendship between his father and our Worthy Grand Chief, Paul R. Hickok. The other will bear the name Charles, for his maternal grandfather, Capt. Charles Cable, of Nelsonville.

BETA OMICRON, ALBION.

William B. Buck is superintendent of the Seybert Institution for Poor Boys and Girls, at Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA PI, VANDERBILT.

R. E. L. Saner has been elected a member of the general council of the American Bar Association.

BETA OMEGA, OHIO.

Dr. John S. Boggs recently completed a voyage of sixteen months, covering the distance from pole to pole and around the world.

GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE.

Douthett, '09, is with the Maintenance of Way Department of the Frisco, at Monette, Mo.

E. G. Jones, '09, is with the Engineering Department of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad, at Tumcumcari, New Mexico.

Monger, ex-'12, is on the engineering corps of the Vandalia Railroad, at Effingham, Ill.

GAMMA ZETA, ILLINOIS.

H. J. Lane is inspector in the Engineering Department of the government on the construction of Lock and Dam, No. 16, Black Warrior River, Ala.

GAMMA THETA, NEBRASKA.

Arthur H. Marsh, '05, graduated from Oxford University in 1908 with the B. A. degree in Theology. Last year he taught Latin and Greek at Racine College Grammar School, Racine, Wis. He is at present teaching the same studies in the National Cathedral School for Boys, in Washington, D. C.

GAMMA IOTA, CALIFORNIA.

Fred A. Stewart and Miss Kulamann Henkenius were married on September 29, 1909. Stewart is in the automobile business in Oakland and Alameda, Cal.

H. S. Jones and his bride have left Berkeley for Los Angeles, where Jones is to be connected with the Allis-Charlmers Co.

Sellar Bullard, since his return from Europe, has been associated with his father in the acetylene gas business. At present he is spending a few weeks in the Eastern States.

R. E. Sudden has given up his engineering work to take charge of large business interests in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

W. G. B. Euler is holding a responsible position as engineer for the General Electric Co., in California. A. F. Menzel is also with this company.

Russel Galloway and W. C. Wright are partners in an extensive real estate business in Sacramento.

GAMMA KAPPA, WESTERN RESERVE.

J. H. Dellinger was married to Miss Carroll VanBenschcoten, of Cleveland, early in October. They are now living at 1421 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C.

GAMMA LAMBDA, COLORADO.

Within the last few weeks the matrimonial germ has affected some of the alumni and those reported besieged are: Harry W. Farr, who was married on June 1st at Greeley, Colo., to Miss Hazel Louise Daven.

On September 15th Alonzo M. Emigh married Miss Ethel Elinor Robbins at Idaho Springs, Colo.

On September 21st Miss Maude Burnett, of Denver, became the bride of George Hamburger, of the same place.

William E. Thompson stopped on his way through Denver to the Pacific Coast, where he intends to engage in the real estate business.

Howard P. Boak is employed by the Colorado Telephone Co., at Berthoud, Colo.

GAMMA PI, WASHINGTON.

L. P. Crim, who has been with Benicia Arsenal as draughtsman, has accepted the position of electrician with the Pacific Telephone Company, of Seattle.

M. W. Taylor has opened offices as real estate broker at 209 American Bank Building, Seattle. He will make a specialty of irrigated lands.

GAMMA RHO, MISSOURI.

Will Curry is now engaged in the newspaper business at Oregon, Mo.

Webster N. Jones holds the position of instructor in Chemistry at Purdue University.

Frank Demaree, the university grain expert, was married this summer and is residing in a beautiful little cottage in Columbia.

Lloyd Spragg, journalistic student last year, has bought out a newspaper at Ridgeway, Mo.

Robert B. Hill, a '09 Medic, is engaged in government work in the Panama Canal Zone.

Ira G. Walburn, Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, one of the founders of Missouri Gamma Rho, was married this summer to Miss Carrie Mountjoy, of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Walburn is now with the Vandalia Railroad.

GAMMA SIGMA, WORCESTER.

Ralph E. Perry, '09, is with the National Electric Lamp Association, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph K. Schofield, '09, is a draftsman for George L. Brownell, Worcester, Mass.

Walter T. Ronian, '08, and Miss Clara A. Law, Middletown, Ct., were married in July.

Roger E. Coolidge, '08, and Miss Myrtle F. Barnes, Petersham, Mass., were married October 9, 1909.

S. W. Farnsworth has accepted a position with the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

GAMMA XI, CHICAGO.

Raymond L. Latchem, '09, and Miss Stella Violet Wells were united in marriage on September 28th and are now living at 1909 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

DELTA, VIRGINIA.

Richard B. Tucker was married to Miss Eleanor Hilliard at the home of the bride at Virginia Beach, Va., on October 12, 1909. He has a very successful business in Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker will reside at the York apartments in Norfolk.

George Benet is studying law at Harvard University.

Guy F. Herbert has accepted a position in Columbia, S. C.

Rev. Pembroke Reed has returned to the Missionary District of Idaho, where formerly he was going to Buffalo, N. Y.

LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND.

J. R. Kennedy left Washington the first of November accompanied by his wife and daughter for a visit to his parents and friends in the South.

TAU, PENNSYLVANIA.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Clarence Heiss Williamson, '07. The bride to be is Miss Edna Lafferty, of Altoona, Pa.; the date, Wednesday, the seventeenth of November.

Lewis Penn Bailey, '05, who is now in the Philippines in the government service, will return to this country while on furlough next summer.

David Kneedler, '03, is now doing civil engineering work in Baltimore, Md.

Hugh Dawson, '11, who is now away from college on leave of absence, is a partner in the largest independent coal company in the anthracite regions.

Isaac B. Connor, '08, has been spending the past six months in the South.

Robert Eads Griffith, '06, will come East for the chapter dance on Thanksgiving evening.

Frank X. Renninger, '04, has become vice-president of the Glenside National Bank, of Glenside, Pa.

Hayes, of Ohio Beta Mu, who is now at Princeton University, has become a member of the Cottage Club of that institution.

OMEGA, SEWANEE.

Robert W. B. Elliott is a member of the law firm of Harrison, Elliott & Byrd, of 59 Wall Street, New York City.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The District of Columbia Alumni Association began its season of social functions with a smoker at the University Club on the evening of November 1. Upon this occasion we had with us Worthy Grand Chief Hickok, who has lately accepted a call to a local church, and whom we hope to be able to count as a member of our association for some time to come; Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals Glazebrook and Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Ellsworth; and besides the younger fellows, were Holt and a few of the other older men who positively refused to be "left out in the cold." This, the first of our meetings, was so successful that it was near the midnight hour before anyone realized how the time was passing.

Although it was acknowledged to be rather late then to get down to business, an executive session was called and plans for the winter were discussed. It was decided that our next meeting shall be a banquet at which we hope to entertain the two living founders of the fraternity, at least three of the grand officers and the members of the High Council. This banquet will most likely be at the Highlands on Wednesday, December 15, 1909.

Our association is congratulating itself upon having Brother Hickok as a member, thus giving us claims upon three of the grand officers of the fraternity. With such a team as this we should be able to make the Washington Association one of the greatest in the fraternity.

V. GILMORE IDEN.

DENVER.

During the summer months the Denver Alumni Association did not hold any formal meetings; but the gatherings were of an impromptu nature and consisted chiefly of some of the members taking lunch together or entertaining visiting brothers.

In September, however, after some of our number had returned from vacation trips we held a dinner at the Albany Hotel which, as always, was enjoyed by all.

On October 9th a number of the Denver alumni journeyed to Boulder to attend the University of Colorado Alumni-Varsity football game in the afternoon and the initiation and banquet of Colorado Gamma Lambda in the evening. The chapter initiated seven especially good men and gave in their honor a mighty fine spread. It is a pleasant experience to attend an initiation held by this chapter, as the work is carried out in the best of form and with exact attention to detail.

On November 6th, we held the first of a series of weekly dinners. These dinners are to be held on every Saturday evening at 6.30 at one of

the principal restaurants. They will be informal with the intention of getting all the A. T. O.'s in or near Denver to attend.

Since the last letter from this association, we have added to our list the names of James DeWitt Willcox, of 435 Century Bldg., formerly of Montgomery, Ala., and Thomas F. Flenniker, now located at Broomfield, Colo., care of Standley Lakes Reservoir.

We learn that one of our recent affiliates to the association, Hallett D. Wallace, has been confined to the University Hospital, at Boulder, because of an operation. Same was not serious, however.

GEORGE B. DRAKE.

LOUISIANA.

The Louisiana Alumni Association is now an assured fact. We have gone further than to get a score of good fellows together to talk of past glories, of victories won and of our love for and loyalty to Alpha Tau Omega.

We have gotten together a band of Alpha Taus, who, believing that a permanent alumni association would be of benefit to its individual members, to the active chapter at Tulane and to the fraternity at large, have incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana and have applied to the High Council of Alpha Tau Omega for its sanction.

Suitable quarters will very shortly be fitted up, and while New Orleans is already well supplied with clubs, the exclusiveness of this one will make it the rendezvous of all loyal Alpha Taus who might visit this delightful old city. It is our purpose to have every wearer of the Maltese Cross in Louisiana affiliated with us.

The administration of the Beta Epsilon chapter house fund has been entrusted to this association, and the prospect of an early realization of that long-hoped-for home for the Beta Epsilon chapter now seems assured.

GINDER ABBOTT.

NASHVILLE.

Since the last issue of the PALM, our new association has devoted practically its whole time to the enrollment of members, and, as a result, its roll contains the names of Alpha Tau Omega alumni throughout the middle section of the State.

With this important work so successfully completed, now all attention is turned to the first annual conclave of Province VIII, to be held in Nashville, November 24 and 25, 1909. The various committees in charge have about completed all arrangements, and their encouraging reports guarantee the success of this, the association's first practical undertaking. Representatives from each of the six chapters of the province are expected to be on hand, as well as a large number of alumni throughout the State

The new Province Chief, Dr. R. W. Billington, the association's president, will preside, and the assistance of the grand officers has been urged in the work of the organization of this so long delinquent province.

Enthusiasm for Alpha Tau Omega is rapidly growing among the alumni in our section, and through our association it is a safe prediction before many more issues of the PALM go to press, Tennessee will be marked as a banner State in our fraternity.

W. E. BOLLING.

PORTLAND.

Very little of importance transpired here during the early summer, other than the weekly meeting of a few of the old "stand-bys." However, beginning with August, when our Worthy Grand Chief visited Portland, renewed interest was manifested by each alumnus, and since then our Saturday luncheons have been well attended.

We regret exceedingly that so few of our number had the good fortune to meet Brother Paul R. Hickok, but those who did meet him absorbed enough fraternal spirit to inject some of it into the rest of us; so, as a whole, the Portland Association was benefited by his visit. On August 2nd Brother Hickok filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, and on the following day left for Eugene, Ore., where the University of Oregon is located, and where a local, the Alpha Club, is endeavoring to procure a charter from our fraternity.

During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of meeting several visiting brothers, among whom were David S. Kruidenier, Colorado Gamma Lambda; George Henry Lautz, Wisconsin Gamma Tau, and Irving B. Hoefer, also of the latter chapter. Aschman, of Alpha Pi, was a visitor to Portland during the fall. He likes the Northwest, but could not resist that awful longing for home, so started on the long journey to Pennsylvania several days ago. Before leaving, however, he promised to return to the Pacific Coast some time in the future. F. H. Irwin, of Alpha Pi, is living on his apple and strawberry ranch at Hood River, Ore. Irwin has had some thrilling experiences since coming West, and a letter from him would be interesting to the readers of the PALM.

Our association has been particularly fortunate during the past few months, not that our number has materially increased, but the four new members—V. A. Crum, Gamma Xi; G. R. Mueller; A. B. Widney, Gamma Iota, and J. G. Rainey, Tennessee Pi, are all fine fellows and their zeal and brotherly love have advanced the association's "stock" above par.

W. W. Graves, who was married a few months ago, is visiting with his wife in the East, and probably will not return to his Portland home before the Christmas holidays. While G. G. Schmitt is still with us, it is not altogether improbable that he, too, will go East soon, for he says he is awfully lonesome the way matters stand now.

Arrangements are being made for our first annual banquet, on which occasion we hope to have present every member of the association, as well as several brothers from out of town.

F. S. McCORD.

READING.

Friday, September 20, was River Day for the Reading Taus. Brothers Schantz, A. E. Youse, Stettler, Fasig, Eyrich, Dietrich, Huyette and Geisewite went on board the "Betsy Ann" for a three-mile ride up the Schuylkill River to "The Shack," where the day was spent as the guests of the Secretary. The day was spent in quoits, cards and swimming. The feature was the meals in which we all acted the caterer.

W. W. Rick made the welcome address to the Honorary Commercial Commissioners of Japan.

For the last few months Grover Baer has been with us.

Paul Reed, of last year's Muhlenberg team, is coaching our High School team.

Schantz is working hard for our December banquet, which he claims will beat anything we have had.

C. J. Dietrich is the fisherman of the Reading Taus.

E. R. GEISEWITE.

ST. LOUIS.

Our association was not active during the summer, as many of us were out of the city. One meeting was held in October at which Lyon, Nixon, Cummings, Nollan, Fuller, Neilson, Smith and Elliot were present. Plans were made to get together frequently during the winter months. We expect to have our annual banquet this month to which the ladies are invited.

During the summer two new members have been added to the association—W. C. Nollan and V. M. Kime. Dr. O. H. Brown also paid us a brief visit recently; he is now located at Mount Vernon, Mo., where he is connected with the State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon have returned to the city, having spent the summer in the East.

WM. A. ELLIOT.

TEXAS.

Early along in the summer B. M. Lindsley made himself a committee of one to stir up A. T. O. matters in Dallas. He telephoned all A. T. O.'s he could reach and received promises from about twenty to meet him at the Southland Hotel for lunch on a stated date. Only eight men kept their promises and enjoyed the lunch and exchange of fellowship. Since

that day we have met each Saturday at twelve-thirty to one o'clock at the Southland Hotel for lunch. Any A. T. O. who visits Dallas will be gladly welcomed at our board any Saturday and give a glad hand.

R. E. L. Saner was chosen president, and B. M. Lindsley, corresponding secretary, of our association. We have had several visiting brothers with us on different Saturdays and are on the lookout for others. We talked of having an alumni meeting during the fair, but didn't take decisive action. We corresponded with several chapters with reference to desirable men going off to college this year in so far as we were able. If we can serve any chapter in any way in this line or any other, command us. Five men from the University of Texas were with us the day the university played the Haskell Indians.

R. R. LAWThER, JR.

WASHINGTON STATE.

The past summer has been a most eventful one in the State of Washington, and especially in the City of Seattle, on account of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which has but recently closed its gates. We have enjoyed visits from many Alpha Taus from all sections of the country during the Fair period, and in consequence Alpha Tau spirit has received a great boost in this State.

Of course, the most memorable occasion for all Alpha Taus was the visit of our Worthy Grand Chief, Rev. Paul R. Hickok, during the last week in July. It had been the hope of those who knew of Mr. Hickok's intention to visit our city that he would arrive before the University of Washington closed for the summer, in order that the boys of the active chapter could extend him a royal welcome. His arrival in the middle of the summer, however, made it necessary for him to content himself with the poor efforts of the alumni association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickok spent several evenings at the fraternity house of the active chapter during their stay in the city; and a banquet was tendered the Worthy Grand Chief by the alumni association on the evening of July 29th. We have had several Alpha Tau gatherings in this city during the past three years at which it had seemed that the climax of enthusiasm and good fellowship had been reached, but that banquet, under Mr. Hickok's inspiration, overshadowed them all. Charles E. Piper, Michigan Alpha Mu, acted as toastmaster for the evening, and besides the response of the Worthy Grand Chief to the toast, "The Fraternity," toasts were responded to by Timon E. Owens, Michigan Alpha Mu; C. S. Van Brundt, Illinois Gamma Zeta; S. H. Kelleran, New York Beta Theta; B. T. Longino, Georgia Beta Iota; D. L. Davis, Nebraska Gamma Theta; A. H. Fischer and R. D. DeLand, Washington Gamma Pi, and others.

It is regrettable that high officers of the fraternity can not visit the Northwest more often, as the active chapter and the alumni association

need their personal counsel and the influence of their enthusiasm. We all look forward to the time when this province will be sufficiently small to enable the Province Chief to visit us frequently, it being all the more necessary that we have some high officer of the fraternity in this section, because we realize that the visits of the Worthy Grand Chief must be few and far between, indeed.


Judge Erskine M. Ross, one of the founders of the fraternity, visits Seattle and Tacoma during September of each year for a short session of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. We had hoped to have some function for him during his recent visit here, by way of fraternal welcome to this State, but on account of numerous other engagements the Judge could spare us no time. He promised, however, to give us an entire evening on his next visit to the State.

The association continues its monthly "feeds" on the third Friday evening of each month, at the Olympus Cafe, in Seattle, and each month from twenty to thirty men congregate to enjoy the good fellowship. We are planning a banquet, to be held some time in the near future, and expect to have A. T. O. alumni present on that occasion from all parts of the State.

The association always endeavors to assist the active chapter in every way possible, but the year has started off so well with Washington Gamma Pi that the actual need for our services will be practically *nil* for some time to come.

WM. E. PARKER.

A society called Chi Delta, heretofore unknown, is said to have existed at East Tennessee University, Knoxville, Tenn., in 1841. In the library of Congress at Washington, there is a copy of an address delivered before this society August 3, 1841, by Gen. Alexander Anderson, and it is stated to be "the first annual address before the society".—*Beta Theta Pi*.



Chapter Letters.

ROLL CALL.

The following chapter failed to respond to our several requests for letters and has been fined the usual amount:

Province III—Kansas Gamma Mu.

NOTICE!

Chapter letters for the March, 1910, PALM are due and must be in our hands no later than February 1, 1910. Publication of those arriving later than said date can not be assured

PROVINCE I.

ALPHA EPSILON—ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

School opened this year with an enrollment of over 700. Of the new men, we have initiated almost a score. We were assisted by Dr. Rush, of Mobile, in the "rushing" season. Almost every time we went after a man we got him. The following were initiated: Strickland, '13; Noble, '13; Stout, '13; Hastings, '11; Kuchinski, '12; Streit, '12; Vaughan, '12; Chamblain, '12; Lamar, '13; Hall, '11; Savelle, '11; Gunter, '12. We were indeed fortunate in getting a bunch of fine fellows. We now have thirty-two active members in our chapter. Our prospects are bright, indeed, and we hope to go through the year with flying colors. A reception was given our new initiates on September 18th.

Money has been raised for the chapter house, and the plans are being drawn up by Stout and Curtis. Active work will begin not later than January 1, 1910. We expect to have it completed before commencement. Our house will be superior in every way to the other chapter houses in Auburn. Almost all of the alumni have contributed liberally and the active members have given freely. Dr. Ross has figured greatly in securing the money for the house and his work has been appreciated by all.

In honors we have our share. On the gridiron we have Noble, Streit and Savelle. Noble is playing right end on the 'Varsity. His work in the recent Vanderbilt game was something phenomenal. He played end as few have played it on Dudley Field. Streit and Savelle are two of the most promising scrubs. They will make stars for Auburn next year. Strickland and Austin are two of the most promising grass cutters. On track team we are represented by Stauffacher, who is manager. Butell took three prizes in the recent meet at the State Fair, at Montgomery, Ala. On the *Orange and Blue* board we have the following men: Blue, who is business manager; Noble, sporting editor; Clements, literary editor, and Stauffacher, photographer. In the military line we shine as usual, with Clements, captain and adjutant; Blue and Smith, captains; Stauffacher, lieutenant adjutant, and Noble and Janny, lieutenants. In the Non-Commissioned officers we are represented by Clements, Ragland and Chapman, and we fully expect to get our share of corporals when the promotions are made.

Although we lost nine fellows last year, their places have been filled by some promising men. We have an extra large chapter this year, but nevertheless it is a hard one to beat, and we have all started on the proper road with the very best prospects for the most promising year.

A. G. HUBBARD.

ALABAMA BETA BETA—SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

The college opened on September 16th, with a dearth of fraternity material; but that which we failed to get in quantity we made up for in quality in the one man whom we invited and got in the person of E. B. Calhoun. We have eight strong, which is about on an average with the other fraternities. Each man is doing something in college work. Elliot is on for orator for one of the debates in his society, as well as treasurer and secretary of the Senior Class. Williams is on for ladies' debater in his society. Powers, Hightower and Cox are on for anniversarians in society. Smith is on for challenge debate. Dugger is our representative on the gridiron this year. We are a little weak in athletics, as Dugger is our only man there.

We were indeed glad to welcome back to the chapter Cox, who had been out a year. Although our number is not large, anyone looking over the list of those who are on for college honors will see that the loyal eight who are here are not idle by any means.

R. H. SMITH.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

This fall Beta Delta had one of the most auspicious openings in its history. Thus far, we have initiated eight men and are still on the lookout for desirable material. Those initiated are William Harsh and

Dixie McCrossin, of Birmingham; DeVane Jones and O. P. Kennedy, of Tuscaloosa; R. L. Nathan, of Sheffield; G. W. J. Chamblin, of Mobile; J. W. Cook, of Eutaw, and C. M. A. Rogers, of Gainesville. Of the old men, Smith, Nelson, Pratt, Gayle, Barrow, Brinkman and McDavid have returned. Spratt, Lee and Penick, of Tennessee Omega, are also with us this year, taking the course in Law.

We are again well represented on the football field by Pratt, Nathan and Chamblin. Pratt, our "All-Southern" star, has been elected captain of the team, and will doubtless reflect great credit upon the fraternity in an athletic way. Our reputation as song birds has also received a decided boost. On the Glee Club we have seven men, including the manager, Barrow. They are Rogers, Smith, McCrossin, Barrow, Brinkman, Spratt and Chamblin. On the college paper we are represented by Gayle, in the capacity of assistant business manager. He has also been nominated as one of the baseball managers. And in addition to their other honors, Brinkman and Barrow have been elected to membership in the Blackfriars, our Dramatic Club.

ROBERT P. McDAVID.

FLORIDA ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

We begin the year with ten of our old members back. Thus far, we have initiated three and have two pledged. The new members are G. S. Drawdy, Douglas McMichael and W. Sealey.

We have received visits from several of our alumni; among these are Chapin, Gibbs, Martin, Chestnut, Stringfellow and Carliton.

We are very much pleased with our new rooms. We have three. The large room is used for dances and receptions and as a living room, while the second is used as the meeting room and the third as an ante-room.

The recent election of the *Pennant* staff gives us the editor-in-chief and one of the minor officers.

In the military line we have a major, sergeant-major and a third sergeant and two corporals.

We also have two men on the football team, one of which is captain and president of the Athletic Association.

J. S. TAYLOR.

GEORGIA ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

After one of the most successful "spiking" seasons in a number of years, Alpha Beta takes much pride in announcing that it has initiated ten men. They are Marion Allen and Edwin Allen, of Milledgeville, Ga.; T. O. Tabor, Jr., Elberton, Ga.; James Lynch, Florence, S. C.; Evans Heath, Quitman, Ga.; Roland Pottle, Blakely, Ga.; John Calloway, Lexington, Ga.; Albert Smith, Thomasville, Ga.; Garland Robeson, Winder, Ga., and Parke Skelton, Hartwell, Ga.

We are now pleasantly located in our new house on Milledge Avenue, and we believe that the furnishings, entirely in mission, are the swellest of any fraternity house in the city. Ten men live in the house and six others, who room in other parts of the town, take their meals with us. We are highly pleased with this plan of "eating at home."

We were very sorry to say good-bye to the Lustrat girls and their mother, all of whom have been very dear friends of the chapter for many years. We were hosts at a dinner party given in their honor the day before their departure for Europe. The beautiful reception they tendered our house party crowd last April will long be remembered with the truest appreciation.

Ed Robeson is certainly starring in football this year. His fine tackling, swiftness and good head work are making him an excellent halfback for 'Varsity. Heath has played in a few games, but having hurt his hip is unable to follow the team. Robeson is captain of the track team. Tabor, who played first base for Riverside last year, has bright prospects for holding down this bag at Georgia when the season opens up. Garland Robeson is playing star tennis. Callaway, of Stone Mountain, and Allen will push some good men for places on 'Varsity baseball.

Lynch, who was champion debater while at Stone Mountain, is manifesting himself as an orator in Phi Kappa, our literary society. He has written several stories for *The Georgian*, the college literary magazine, and we feel safe in asserting that when this collegiate year closes, his name will be in the line-up of intercollegiate debaters.

We have a representative in the Thaliens, the Dramatic Club; the Senior Round Table, literary; Casque and Gauntlett, social; and are glad to boast of the officer, secretary and treasurer of the German Club. The adjutant of the batallion of cadets is also an Alpha Tau.

G. C. ARNOLD.

GEORGIA ALPHA THETA—EMORY COLLEGE.

Emory opened September 15th and we believe Alpha Theta has begun one of her best years. Seventeen old men returned this fall, including W. S. Bryan, who returns to take his A. M. degree and occupy the assistant English professor's chair. So Alpha Theta opened with very bright prospects.

Besides the old brothers, we have initiated eight new men who are going to do great things towards keeping the chapter in the same high place it has occupied in the past, and in making new records of which Alpha Theta will be proud. These brothers are N. F. Blackwell, R. A. Henderson, S. L. Holland, B. R. Marshall, G. R. Quillian, E. S. Settle, Gray Singleton and J. H. Stanford.

W. C. Cooper was with us during the "spiking" season and rendered the chapter noble service in "rushing" new brothers.

Emory is not allowed to participate in intercollegiate athletics, but the classes always put out excellent teams to try for the pennant in football, basketball and baseball. In football we are represented by seven men. Two of these are almost certain to make places on the "All-Emory" team.

HUGH MALLET.

GEORGIA ALPHA ZETA—MERCER UNIVERSITY.

College opened this year with a larger attendance than ever before in the history of the institution. We therefore had a larger number from which to choose our new men.

The old men who returned are Beirne Smith, Ralph Clark, W. S. Fender, George Mills and Frank R. Bealer. The old men who failed to return are Sam Howell, Roy Richards, J. N. Johnson, Wilbur Smith, W. M. Faulk, O. Awtrey and R. G. Stewart. Richards and Howell are at the Atlanta School of Medicine. Awtrey is at home this year, but will probably return to finish next term. Johnson is teaching in the high school at Acworth, Ga.

The new men initiated are Roy J. Smith, Edwin L. Bridges, J. D. Shannon, T. C. Perryman, L. E. Paschal and C. N. Oliphant.

Alpha Zeta was recently honored with a visit by the following of our alumni: Albert McKay, Wilbur Smith, Jones Perryman, R. Hicks and O. Awtrey; and also by Jenkins, of Emory College; Wright, of the University of Chicago, and Connor, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The football eleven is hard at work, and it goes without saying that we have the strongest team ever, which was evidenced by the close score in the Vanderbilt game recently.

E. L. BRIDGES.

GEORGIA BETA IOTA—GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

With eleven men of last year's chapter, Georgia Beta Iota managed to get eleven freshmen, which are considered by us to be the best bunch landed by any fraternity at Technology. They are C. S. Colley, Grantville, Ga.; C. D. Medaor and E. B. Means, Atlanta, Ga.; G. H. Northcutt, Marietta, Ga.; E. Wynn and T. W. Davis, Newman, Ga.; A. B. Merriman, Syracuse, N. C.; E. H. Arrington, Augusta, Ga.; J. B. Law, Lumpkin, Ga.; G. Smith, Summerville, S. C., and J. E. Craig, Lawrenceville, Ga. With only two exceptions, every man in the above list was "rushed" by two or more fraternities. Having lost only one man, we feel well repaid for the work done during this summer and "rushing" season.

Colley, Means and Freeman are out playing football. Means and Colley have a good show for the 'Varsity, while Freeman is captain and quarter on the Freshman team.

John S. Davidson, who for the past year has been engaged in business in Augusta, was cordially received on his return to Technology.

The chapter has enjoyed the visit of E. H. Sweat, of Rhode Island Gamma Delta. We are also glad to make the acquaintance of Connor, of Pennsylvania Tau, who called on us while passing through the city.

R. F. GOLDEN.

LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

When the first day of October rolled around, there were a few among our number, who perhaps were somewhat discouraged over the prospects; however, those who ventured to be so pessimistic, were soon surprised. We had no trouble in adding to our chapter roll the names of four freshmen, Lansing Beach, Morris Hansell, Hennen Legendre and Lourie O'Donnell, in all of whom we have much faith and confidence; in every respect, they measure up to our standard, hence we are proud of our new brothers.

Joe Chaffe, by an unanimous vote, was elected president of the Senior Class. In the duties of his office, he presides over the Academic Board and Student Body. The Sophomore Class elected Black Chaffe as their president. George is playing end on the football team, while Moore and Eustis are training hard on the track team.

In the annual Freshman-Sophomore wrestling matches, we were unusually successful. Out of our "bunch," two freshmen, Hansell and O'Donnell, and three sophomores, Chaffe, Finley and Legendre, entered, winning their bouts.

Our university recently had the honor of entertaining President Taft. A sacred concert was given for him on our campus and it was estimated that 20,000 people were in attendance. The President spoke highly of Tulane University.

J. W. GEORGE.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

When the PALM goes to press, Gamma Eta will have initiated seven new members. Among these might be mentioned that Judge William Ramsey, of Austin, a judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, is to be made a member of Alpha Tau. Through his former membership in Alpha Gamma, a now extinct fraternity, he is entitled to initiation, his chapter among others having been absorbed in Alpha Tau Omega. The new men are Tom Hart, Marathon, Texas; Earle Dallas, Brenham, Texas; Jared Powell, San Angelo, Texas; Orleans Hunnam, San Antonio, Texas; Douglass Duncan, La Grange, Texas; Sydney Terry, Huntsville, Ala. As our return was ten men the chapter will contain sixteen.

We are located in a comfortable, new and modern fraternity house and are looking forward to a prosperous and harmonious year. The annual banquet in honor of the freshmen occurred early in November. And the Thanksgiving festivities were the occasion of several social affairs at the chapter house. Gamma Eta had her share of college honors

last session and expects to even better the record. Platter represents us on the editorial staff of the *Texan*, and Rosset, on the staff of *Coyote*, the monthly humorous magazine. Our social activities are more especially represented in a director of the German Club. We have representation in the different social organizations and three members in the Dramatic Club, one of whom is secretary of that organization—the Curtain Club.

CURTICE M. ROSSET.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

With nineteen men back this fall, Gamma Zeta found herself in very good condition to go through a hard “rushing” season. We have been very fortunate, as we have already initiated ten good freshmen, and have one pledge. The new Alpha Taus are Beverly Brewer and Dwight Wyre, of Chicago; A. W. Harwood, Bradford; Earl Snyder, Fulton; John Ruckel and George Luers, Springfield; Harold Smith, Monmouth; Joe Mitchell, Marshall; William Broadhead, Sedgwick, Colo., and Charles Baumberger, San Antonio, Texas. We have Ralph Burkhart, of Marion, Ill., pledged. Simpson, of Colorado Gamma Lambda, entered Illinois this year and has affiliated with us. All together, we have an active chapter of thirty, and one pledge, probably the largest chapter in our history.

We were materially assisted by the brothers who came back to help us during “rushing” season. A number of them have visited us so far this year. We are now making preparations for our annual fall banquet, which will be given some time during the coming month.

We have some fine athletic material among our freshmen and are looking to them to bring up our reputation in this branch of university activity, in which we have been lamentably weak the past few years. Broadhead, Mitchell and Luers are playing on the Freshman football team. Wright is on the Varsity squad this year. Wiley and his teammate won the finals in the tennis tournament this fall.

Cleavinger is leader of the Glee Club again this year. Blaisdell, Gibbs and Harwood are also on the club. Pond has been elected member of the Junior Council of the Students' Union.

Sigma Chi has just moved into its beautiful new home, and several other organizations have new houses that were built for them during the summer.

J. R. BOSTON.

ILLINOIS GAMMA XI—UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Our chapter begins the year in one of the finest houses on the campus. Come and see us on the Midway Plaisance. Our alumni have assisted in furnishing our new home.

We have six "Green Cap" men. They are George Murry, Dayton, Ohio; Gordon Harries, Park Ridge, Illinois; Chester Slifer, Bunker Hill, Illinois; Dwight Hill, Des Moines, Iowa; Ted Merrit, Atwood, Illinois, and Harry Springer, Robinson, Illinois.

A. T. O. is represented in the band by Jack and Slifer. Springer, playing now on the Freshman team, is one of the best football players who ever entered the University of Chicago, says Mr. Stagg. In bowling, Lunde, Buck and Long intend to bring the "rag" to us in our new house.

Cupid has been busy in our midst. Three of our brothers fell victims. They are Latchem, Parker and Butler.

We regret to say that Sayles is not with us this quarter on account of typhoid fever.

Our informal dance was a big success. It was held the second week of "rushing" season and was attended by forty-seven couples; alumni, active members and freshmen.

Illinois Gamma Zeta were our guests when Illinois played the Maroons. Among our other guests were Finger, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Baumberry, San Antonio, Texas; Williams, Islesbora, Me.; Mefferd, Robinson, Illinois, and Holloway, Florida.

LOUIS T. CURRY.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA—ROSE POLY. INSTITUTE.

Now that school activities are in full sway, we have with us again our time-honored friend—the "rushing" season. We are fortunate in having practically the entire chapter of last year back again for this work. On October 13th, the first smoker was held, and it was quite an enjoyable affair. We became better acquainted with the freshmen, and we hope to be able to announce in the next PALM the pick of the class as Alpha Taus.

The chapter now numbers eighteen, due to the recent initiation of Loren T. McKee, whom we now take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large.

The student activities in which our men are interested are quite numerous. Webster, as president of the Symphony Club; Fairchild, president of the Sophomore Class, and Rasmussen, president of the Camera Club, are on the Student Council. Planck is president of the Glee Club, and McKee is secretary of the Junior Class. Struck, Webster, Hoffner and Larson are on the football team, which has been showing up quite well under a stiff schedule. McKee and Ohmann are assistant editors of the *Modulus*, the Junior annual.

Davis and Hill, of Gamma Zeta, dropped in for a visit while passing through the city. Lowman, of Gamma Tau, was also here for a short time. We are very glad to have Alpha Taus visit us and hope that more will do so. Beck, Alpha Psi, is located here and is with us quite often. Templeton stayed over for a few days on his trip West, and we regret very much that he could not remain and re-enter school this fall.

O. A. OHMANN.

INDIANA GAMMA OMICRON—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Gamma Omicron is now comfortably situated in a new chapter house, and we feel much better than when in the cramped quarters we occupied after the fire of last year.

We lost only two men by graduation last year, although three of our undergraduate members failed to return this year. However, we have been very successful in obtaining new men this fall, and take pleasure in introducing the following pledges to the fraternity: Allan V. Stackhouse and William Chestnut, of Indianapolis; W. F. French, of Urbana, Ohio; Keith Holloway, of Dallas, Texas; H. C. Stehr, of Humboldt, Tennessee; Herrick Aiken, of Lawrence, Mass.

L. J. Koster, '12, and M. Penn, '11, have been initiated since our last letter, and C. B. Murphy, Tennessee Omega, and Wilbur Holl, Ohio Beta Omega, have affiliated.

Jones, Missouri Gamma Rho, is here and is connected with the Department of Chemistry. B. Davidson, Maine Beta Upsilon, who is now located in Lafayette in the practice of law, paid us a pleasant visit a short while ago.

Dr. W. K. Hatt, New York Beta Theta, head of the Civil Engineering Department here, recently returned from Europe, where he has been for several months on government business.

On October 9th we held a dinner and dance at our chapter house after attending the Purdue-Northwestern football game in a body.

H. P. Martin represents us on the 'Varsity squad, while Holl, R. French and W. F. French are on the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman squads, respectively.

Prospects are extremely bright for a successful year and we heartily welcome all visiting brothers.

MARION PENN.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha Mu has started the new year with nine active men. Lucas and Getman are not with us this year. Lucas has accepted a call to the Methodist Protestant Church, at Maples, Indiana, and Getman is at his home in New York.

As a result of Alpha Mu's efforts thus far, there are five new men wearing the blue and the gold—Traver C. Sutton, James L. Metcalf, Henry VanHoesen, Sylvester McKibbens and Clinton Rogge.

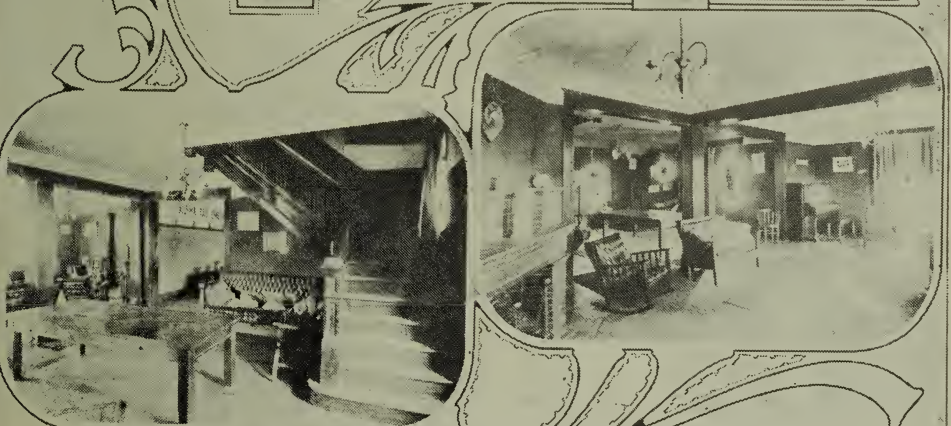
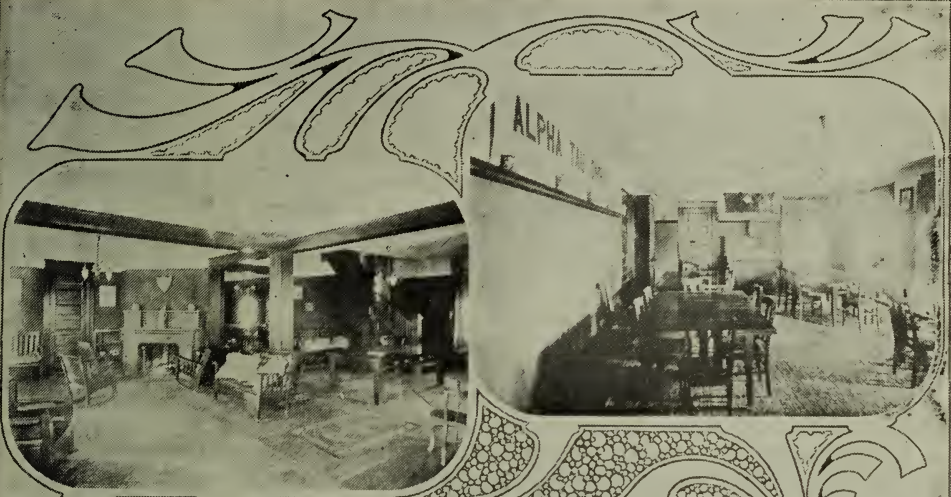
We are well represented on the gridiron, this fall, having six men, all of whom play a star game.

We have been favored already this year with a visit from two of our alumni, Richards, '89, of Monessen, Pa., and Charles Case, '07, of Raquette Lake, N. Y. The chapter always appreciates the visits of its alumni.

We are represented on this year's faculty by R. R. MacFall, Registrar, and Dr. James D. H. Cornelius, professor of Greek and Latin.

The chapter has, this year, bought a new piano for use in our chapter hall.

H. B. HAYNES.



THE NEW A. T. O. HOUSE AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY.—EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR.

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Alpha Tau Omega at Hillsdale is coming up, which will be a pleasing announcement to our alumni. This fall we intended to have a house, but the owner broke the contract and we had to take rooms downtown. We were fortunate in securing some fine rooms and have them entirely fitted up with new furniture and a piano. The brothers have entered the year with a fine spirit and we intend to re-establish Beta Kappa to her place of social prestige.

This fall we have pledged four men; namely, Kempton, Beardsley, Boley and Fish; and initiated four, Stuart, Fish, Beardsley and Lords, making our total number fourteen.

In athletics we are well represented by Stuart, Hobart, Sears and Reynolds. Reynolds is captain and is a power on the team; last year he was picked out as Michigan's all-around end. In the games that have been played here, Stuart and Hobart, who are the guards, have received the nine rals from start to finish.

When our alumni return this coming June for the quinquennial, we hope, as the result of a successful year, to show them that the true Alpha Tau spirit is embodied in Beta Kappa.

ROBERT D. FORD.

MICHIGAN BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Lambda opens the year with very favorable prospects. We have five very promising pledges at the writing of this letter. They are as follows: L. M. Coe, of Centralia, Ill.; W. T. Borders, Nashville, Ill.; W. E. Howlett, Moline, Ill.; Balis Chamblin, Mobile, Ala., and William Evans, of Travers City, Mich. Besides the above, several brothers have affiliated with us—K. W. Farr, of Colorado Gamma Lambda; C. W. Curtis, of Rhode Island Gamma Delta, and G. O. McGehee, of Tennessee Omega. Three brothers are members of the faculty—C. E. Cousins, instructor in French, who came from Massachusetts Gamma Beta; C. H. Fessenden, who is instructor in Machine Design, and came here from Missouri Gamma Rho, and W. E. Humphreys, who comes from Ohio Beta Mu, is instructor in Literature.

Two of the brothers were attracted by political honors, and needless to say were successful. Ralph P. White was elected president of the Senior Pharnic Class, and Amor P. Smith is treasurer of the Junior Laws.

We have been glad to welcome a large number of the visiting brothers at the house this year. Among them are Lingo, Scott and Jackson, of Ohio Beta Eta, and Dixon, of Ohio Beta Mu, while fourteen brothers from Ohio Beta Omega were entertained at the house at the time of the Ohio State game.

That Beta Lambda can adopt herself to social, as well as intellectual duties, was evinced this fall, when Humphreys entertained the chapter at a pleasant smoker.

I. S. COE

MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON—ALBION COLLEGE.

When school opened this fall we were expecting eight men back, but owing to various reasons, only three made their appearance the first two weeks. J. Clifford Smith and Mark Fall did not return because of their unexpected success at traveling in the East. Wells was taken sick in the South and did not return even to Michigan. Hyde Wilson, of Grand Rapids, will enter school about the first of November.

Thus, with only Moore, Jelsch and Bemer in school, a hard struggle for new men ensued. We worked hard and at present date have "landed" more men than any two of the other three fraternities. Claude Dorris, George Allan, Warren Bean, "Billy" Stillwell, Will Harton, Donald Fall, Paul Weighman and F. D. Reiffe are the new men. We believe every one to be a winner, as all of them are the pick of the new men on the college campus. "Billy" Stillwell is a Carnegie medal man; Harton and Dorris both incline towards athletics; Fall is a brother of three Alpha Tau alumni, and is the son of one of the professors at the college; Allan is a good, sensible, and jolly good fellow and should make an excellent man.

While we have twice doubled our members, we are still at work and promise to repeat the performance in due time. We have heard from all of the old men and we expect them all back for the winter term, which would make us total twenty men.

We are now planning extensive improvements in our rooms and as a matter of fact have already begun work. All we ask of the other Alpha Taus is to watch us pull into the front ranks.

CLARENCE BEMER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Ten freshmen and one sophomore—the largest class in the history of Gamma Tau—were initiated at the annual fall ceremony, Saturday, October 23rd. The neophytes were George A. Chatterton and Damon A. Brown, of Spring Green, Wis.; Elbert C. Stevens, Oak Park, Ill.; Carl Freund, Belvidere, Ill.; Claude J. Dyer, Bloomington, Ill.; Chester C. Wells, Freeport, Ill.; Henry Weber, Milwaukee; Loyal G. Tillotson, Painesville, Ohio; Allen M. McGill, Ladysmith, Wis.; Kenneth W. Erickson, Racine, Wis. A banquet at the chapter house followed the initiation. The chapter now has twenty-seven active members and two pledges, Ray Zentner, Milwaukee, Wis., and Clifford Forrester, Waukegan, Ill.

So great is the interest evinced in Gamma Tau's progress by its alumni that a monthly letter will be prepared containing news of the chapter's activities. E. F. Gruhl, '08, is sponsor for the movement. The letter will be known as The Delta, in honor of the local fraternity, Delta Alpha Omega, which later became Gamma Tau.

Two of our boys are making good in football. Walter Grell, '12, has played center with the second 'Varsity regularly and is frequently used on the 'Varsity with good success. Allen McGill, '13, is regular left halfback for the Freshman eleven. Several of our boys will be out for track honors next spring, and Grell and Carl Ruenzel will try out for the 'Varsity baseball nine.

Alpha Tau Omega won the opening contest here of the inter-fraternity bowling season from Alpha Delta Phi.

Alpha Tau Omega's lady friends were entertained at a dancing party at the house Friday evening, October 15th. Another dancing party was given November 13th, the night of the Wisconsin-Minneapolis football game here.

Ruenzel, '12, and Freund, '13, have won places in the cast of "The Mistakers," a comic opera, which will be produced in November by the Attic Angels, a local charitable organization. Brown made the Glee Club. He has an excellent bass voice.

Since the opening of school, the chapter has been visited [by the following alumni: Ewald O. Stiehm, '09, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; Lieut. Frank Kennedy, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Merle Faber, Waupun, Wis.; George Graebner, Milwaukee; John P. Murrish, Mazomanie, Wis., and A. A. Johnson, superintendent of the Agricultural Department of LaCrosse Training School. Stiehm is Commerce instructor in the Fort Atkinson High School and is also athletic coach. He has a team that stands a good show of winning the State football championship.

R. J. Carnahan, of Freeport, Ill., Nebraska Gamma Theta; Rogers, of Rockford, Ill., Chicago Gamma Xi; McGovern, Minnesota Gamma Nu, captain and star of the "Gopher" eleven, and Luther M. Holloway, Florida Alpha Omega, were among the recent visitors.

John D. Jones, Jr., is back at the university after a semester's absence. Jones took the leading role in the Junior play last year and probably will take the leading part in a drama to be staged by the Edwin Booth Club shortly.

Irving B. Hoefler, who left school last spring, has been appointed assistant city engineer at Missoula, Mont. G. H. Lautz is also located at Missoula.

Dr. M. P. Ravanel, head of the Department of Bacteriology, has been honored by appointment to the International Committee on the study of methods of control of bovine tuberculosis, composed of twelve of the most eminent bacteriologists, veterinarians, stockmen, and meat packers in the country.

Prof. R. R. Hitchcock, of the Department of Mathematics, Evanston University, one of the prominent members of this chapter, has accepted a call to the University of California, where he will begin his duties next year.

CHESTER C. WELLS.

PROVINCE III.

CALIFORNIA GAMMA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Soon after the opening of our college in August we had the honor of entertaining our Worthy Grand Chief, Hickok. His enthusiasm, encouragement and greetings from other chapters started the year in good spirits. We are sorry we are so far away from the leaders of our fraternity and surely appreciate their visits.

We wish to announce the initiation of five fellows this term as follows: Hal Harding, of Los Angeles, Cal.; William Kew and Donald MacMullen, of San Diego, Cal.; Rolf Borchgrevink., of Riverside, Cal., and Samuel Carpenter, of Pasadena, Cal., formerly of the University of Colorado, and pledged to our chapter there.

The term is now half over and finds us in the midst of college work and activities. Bush and Cannon are in the medical and law school across the bay this term.

We are enjoying the improvements on our house and have had several jolly social functions this year. The visits of brothers from other chapters have been very pleasant. We had a visit from Davies, of Georgia; Irwin, of Washington and Jefferson, Pa.; Milligan, of St. Lawrence; Hart and Park, of Purdue, and Brady, of Georgia.

We have set aside the first Wednesday night of each month for the entertainment of the alumni and hope to have some enjoyable times on these occasions.

There is a movement being started by the faculty which has for its purpose the closer co-operation of the fraternities and the faculty for their mutual benefit. This, however, has not been definitely organized.

The university football squad has accepted the invitation of Phi Delta Theta to occupy their chapter house during the last two weeks previous to the big game. The Phi Delt's will be housed as guests of the other fraternities.

H. A. SAWYER.

COLORADO GAMMA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

When the university opened on September 13th, eighteen of the old men were back. We elected the following officers: W. M., Carl McLauthlin; W. C., Frazer Banks; W. K. E., Fred Hagen; W. Sc., Ray Taylor; W. K. A., Victor Moulton; W. U., Jack Mosher; W. Sen., Colin Simpson. With the help of some of the alumni we secured seven pledges. The initiation was held Alumni Day, October 9th. All the fraternities initiated the same night. The new men are Earle Whitman, Larry Lubers, Warner Bailey, Ray Bailey, Clarence Potter, Harold Drinkwater and John Clauser.

In athletics Warner Mills is playing end on the 'Varsity. In the class elections Colin Simpson is vice-president; Earle Whitman, treasurer, and "Bob" O'Brien, yell leader, of the Sophomores. Hilton Baker is athletic manager of the Freshman Class.

The appearance of the university has changed greatly during the summer. The quadrangle has been improved; the new power plant and the wings to the Hale Scientific are about half finished; the new law building is nearly completed and will be occupied in about a month. Soon after the semester opened ground was broken for the Mackey Auditorium.

L. FRAZER BANKS.

IOWA BETA ALPHA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The season of 1909 at Simpson has started with a rush and swing that we have not had for many years. The enthusiasm and college spirit is even greater than usual and there is a corresponding fraternal spirit. We have not as much available "rushing" material as usual, but we are having the usual number of "rushing" stunts, and our house is a great aid to us. We have the best house we have had for years and it is filled to its capacity. We have eleven men back this year, have initiated two, and have several prospectives and one pledge. Of last year's men, Osborn and Harris graduated and Miller and Phelps are working elsewhere, but all the other men are back in school. Our new pledge is Merrill Dudley, a sophomore, a fine track man and college yell leader. Dudley gives promise of being one of our best men.

We have obtained the usual number of college honors this year in all branches of college life. Roy Holmes is president of the Junior Class; Will Billingsley is vice-president of the Athletic Association; Charles Blacklock is basketball manager; Merrill Dudley is track manager; Roy Jenks is editor-in-chief of the *Zenith*, our college annual, and Jesse Marshall is business manager of the *Simpsonian*. We have three men engaged in debate at present on society teams, Marshall, Billingsley and Tennant, and have several men on for the oratorical contests. We have more men than usual on the football team, Billingsley and Dudley at halfbacks, Porterfield at fullback, and Blacklock at end. Blacklock will be one of the best punters in the State this year if he is at all up to his old form, and Billingsley and Porterfield are playing star ball as usual.

EARL W. PORTER.

IOWA GAMMA UPSILON—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Although Gamma Upsilon lost six men by graduation from active membership last spring, she is "back in the harness" again and "holding her own." We consider ourselves most fortunate to have pledged seven new men thus far this year—Clarence Miller, of Chicago; Arthur Cushman,

of Denison, Iowa; Clifford Sterrett, of Des Moines, Iowa; Clyde Porter, of Davenport, Iowa; Frank West, of Honey Creek, Iowa; Dolliver Graham, of Chicago, and Bernice Bradford, of Storm Lake, Iowa. West and Cushman made the Freshman football team and in consequence have won their class numerals.

Rex Taylor was with us a short time at the beginning of the term. He is not in school this year, having located in the West for experience in mining work. Ream Baker, who has been out of school a term, is welcomed back with us again. He has been holding the position of engineer for a coal mining company near White City, Iowa, and having returned will receive a degree in mining engineering next spring.

We regret very much that Ralph Wilson, one of our 'Varsity baseball men, was unable to return to school this fall on account of having injured his leg just before the beginning of the semester. Repert, our former football veteran, is not in school this term, but expects to return for a short time next semester to complete his course and receive his degree in M. E.

With the most efficient aid of Jordon, of Michigan Alpha Mu, now a prominent lawyer of Des Moines, Iowa, we have as a chapter incorporated and purchased a site for a new chapter house near the campus. Our hopes and aims are now for a house to beautify this site, which we hope to be able to erect in the course of a very few years.

REX E. EDGECOMB.

MINNESOTA GAMMA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

At the beginning of the school year this fall, Gamma Nu was in fine condition. We began work with sixteen active men and soon had ten fine pledgemen, four of whom have since been initiated. The new members are Leslie Brown, Joseph Armstrong, Sumner Heidel and Bert Heidel.

The pledgemen are Jay Vietz, Lynn Hooper, Wesley Turner, Sterling, McCree and Leslie Williams.

Among the student activities we are taking a prominent part. Minnesota has one of the strongest football elevens in the West this fall, having defeated all opposing elevens, including Chicago. Too much praise can not be given to Captain "Johnnie" McGovern for this success. We deeply regret the accident which will keep him out of the Wisconsin and Michigan games. We also have on the eleven, McCree, who is playing a great game at right tackle.

The brothers who are taking an active part in the student life are McGovern, football captain, Grey Friars, Phi Delta Phi; McCree, right tackle; Howard Williams, president of the Grey Friars, associate editor of the *Minnesota Magazine*, president of the Rooters' Club, cabinet officer of the Y. M. C. A.; Walter Nuessle, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.,

1911 *Gopher* board, Nu Sigma Nu, North Division head usher; Kenneth Sisco, Rooters' Club, champion in tennis doubles; Art Rowe, Nu Sigma Nu; John McKenzie, Rooters' Club, president of the *Daily* Board of Publishers; Leslie Brown, center on the Freshman eleven; Joseph Armstrong, "U" tennis champion singles and doubles, Forestry Club, State tennis champion, inter-scholastic and inter-city tennis champion; Sumner Heidel, Mining Engineers' Society.

A new custom has been established at Minnesota. It is that of presenting an annual University Carnival. Much interest was taken by all fraternities, both in the parade and in the carnival booths. The parade was over a mile long. A. T. O. tied for second place with their take off on the University Band.

November 5, 1909, Gamma Nu gave an informal dancing party, which was attended by thirty-five couples. It took the form of an introduction party for the freshmen and was a very successful one.

We have been pleased to welcome Halloway, of Florida Alpha Omega; Schwartz, of Pennsylvania Tau; Chappee, of Massachusetts Beta Gamma, and several brothers from Michigan Beta Lambda and Illinois Gamma Xi at our new chapter house.

JOHN MCKENZIE, JR.

MISSOURI GAMMA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Nine old men returned to school and Gamma Rho this fall is anxious to boom Alpha Tau as it has never been boomed before. Several alumni also loyally showed up for a couple of weeks. Most of the new men came two weeks early in order to get the house in proper shape by the time school opened.

During the summer our house was entirely remodeled, papered and painted. The first floor is now arranged so that all five rooms and hall can be thrown together for dancing. We are certainly proud of our house, which is now as good as the best fraternity or sorority house in town.

Our "rushing" season netted us eleven men. E. J. Deal, Charleston, Missouri; Churchill McCrary, Columbia, Missouri; H. L. Potter, Boonville, Missouri; S. K. Downing, Higginsville, Missouri, and M. K. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, have already been initiated and the other six will be taken in about the 1st of November.

In athletics we are represented at present by Martin, quarterback, and Potter, captain and halfback, on the Junior football team, and H. A. Fountain, on the Freshman basketball team.

In other student activities we are well represented. Tom S. Fleming plays in the Cadet Band, and is a member of the University Orchestra. S. Fountain is on the University Stock and Grain Judging teams. We are represented in the local journalistic world by W. Saul Smith, society and fraternity editor of the university weekly, *The Independent*.

Schreiber, Iowa Gamma Upsilon, who is doing engineering work on the Mexico, Jefferson City Electric Line, has paid us several visits lately. We also visited Gamma Upsilon during the Missouri-Ames football game the last of October.

W. SAUL SMITH.

NEBRASKA GAMMA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Gamma Theta has opened the school year of 1909-10 with prospects for a very successful year. We have sixteen old men back, six of whom are seniors.

We wish to introduce our five pledges—Harry Coffee, Chadron, Neb.; Thad T. Saunders, Beatrice, Neb.; Louis Allen, Burlington, Ia.; Burton I. Hill, Buffalo, Wyo., and Albert Tibbets, Hastings, Neb., whom we obtained after ten days of strenuous “rushing” under the new “rushing” rules adopted by the inter-fraternity council. These rules limit the rushing season to ten days and permit initiation at the close of the first semester if twelve hours have been satisfactorily completed.

On October 16th, when Nebraska had its annual clash with Minnesota at Omaha, fifteen of our men were numbered among the large crowd of rooters. A very enjoyable time was reported, despite the fact that Nebraska lost the game—which loss was due to the wonderful playing of McGovern, captain of the “Gophers.” After the game, twenty-six Alpha Taus enjoyed luncheon at one of the hotels. Among those present were Smiley, Lieut. Rogers and Donald, Gamma Nu alumni; McGovern and McCree, Gamma Nu active, and Culver, Laird, Dailey, Lemon, Moeller and Shumway, Gamma Theta alumni.

We have been favored by visits from Howard, Johnson, Shoemaker and Mallory, all Gamma Theta men; Smiley, Gamma Nu, and Bridges, Gamma Theta.

We have improved our house to the extent of about \$250 worth of furniture.

W. C. HUTCHISON.

WASHINGTON GAMMA PI—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Alpha Taus in Seattle this summer were most fortunate in receiving a visit from Worthy Grand Chief Hickok. He remained in our city several days and devoted his time to Alpha Tau Omega, while he visited the fair on the side. On the night of July 29th, the alumni gave a banquet at the Butler Hotel Annex and a goodly number of enthusiastic Alpha Taus turned out.

Eighteen men are on the roll this year and five men have been pledged and are all living in the house. They are Claude T. Cade, Bellingham, Wash.; B. W. Hargrave, Colfax, Wash.; Chester A. Bloom, Springfield, Ill.; Edmond G. Dean, Walla Walla, Wash., and Robert Whitfield, Seattle, Wash.

Due to the long session of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, college did not open until October 4th. With the close of the Exposition, Washington is in receipt of twenty-eight new buildings, all of which will very shortly be converted into libraries, class rooms and departmental workshops of the different courses. Vast amounts of shrubbery and flowers, to say nothing of the acres of lawn that gradually slope to the lake's edge on two sides, intermingling with basins and fountains, makes Washington "The Greater Washington," and truly the greatest and most beautiful school in the Northwest.

Several of the boys are out for athletics this fall. Will Severyns is out for 'Varsity, but sustained a broken bone in the hand, which put him out of the scrimmage for a week or so, but is back again and everything looks favorable. A. Severyns, C. Dunlap, C. Douglas and C. Argo are out for the Sophomore team, with Williams for coach. Cade is out for Freshman football; Roudebush and G. Whitfield, for debate; Dame and Spurek, for Glee Club while Vachon and Bloom are doing work on the college paper.

Brothers from nearly every chapter have visited our house this summer and several have located in the city. Our alumni banquet will be held in this city some time early in December and we doubly urge every Alpha Tau who can to be present.

ELLSWORTH V. VACHON.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

College opened September 15th, but on account of a controversy between the faculty and the student body, registration was delayed for six days, at the end of which time the matter was arranged satisfactorily for both parties.

Most of our fellows are back in harness again by this time, although one or two are expected later. Houghton has entered Tufts and Noyes has entered the Sheffield School, at New Haven. Although everyone was sorry to lose both, we wish them all kinds of luck in their new surroundings.

At present we have nineteen old men in the house, together with six pledges, four of whom are freshmen, one a senior, and one a junior. We have several other new men under consideration, four of whom we shall probably pledge during the month.

Things look pretty good for Beta Upsilon here at Maine this year. As the house has been repaired, both inside and out, during the summer, we will be in better shape to entertain this year.

Il Cook is captain of the football team, while Derby, Hosmer and Fisher look like 'Varsity material at present. A. Cook, last year's quarterback, is expected to return to college in a few days, and will join the squad immediately upon his return.

Ingham has been appointed to the *Prism* board. Ayer and Page have both made the Sophomore baseball team, and will in all probability make their numerals. H. Cook and Danforth both made "Senior Skull," the honorary society composed of eleven seniors. Ryder has been elected vice-president of his class.

FRED W. NASON.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE.

With Gamma Alpha the school year has begun in fine shape. The brothers were prompt in getting back and things were homelike from the first. Of a large entering class twelve of the best have become Alphas. One has entered lately and some more are under scrutiny.

The Freshman-Sophomore track meet occurred Wednesday, October 27th. Four A. T. O. men took first places in four different events. Burgess, '13, ran and won the half-mile run in fine style. Webber, '13, threw the discus ten feet farther than any of the rest. Hussey, '13, won the 440-yard dash after a splendid run. Hussey, '12, won the mile run. Cates, '12, took third place in the half-mile, while Young, '13, and Clukey, '13, showed up well in the 100-yard dash. Reynolds, '12, is still doing good work in the hurdles. Dow is managing the Dramatic Club. Higginbotham is president of the Debating Club. Herrick is leading the band this year and is also a member of the Glee Club. Chase and Hussey are in the Glee Club. Mariner and Hussey are trying for the Mandolin Club. With a number of good players, we expect to have a good A. T. O. basketball team.

Our annual initiation banquet is coming Friday night, October 29th. With our large bunch of initiates and many of the alumni which are expected back, this occasion will no doubt be a very pleasing affair.

We lost by graduation seven men, so with twelve A. T. O. freshmen our chapter is larger by five than last year.

ROWLAND M. HUSSEY.

MASS. BETA GAMMA—MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

School found the majority of the brothers back, eager for work. The summer, on the whole, was very profitably spent by all. A number secured summer positions in their respective line of work, though, on the whole, they were widely scattered. Greene was employed at the Allis-Chalmers Bullock plant, at Montreal; Rogers, at Pittsburgh, with the Westinghouse Co., in its Research Department; Bates was in the automobile business at Lynn; Bird was on the road selling bonds for some firm in Maine, and Goodwin and Breyer were out in Butte, Montana, at the Pennsylvania mine of the Boston & Montana.

Our four mining graduates secured more than desirable positions; Joslin, Loring and Reilly are up in Cobalt, Ont., doing development work;

Grubnau is down at Durango, Mexico, with the Velardena Smelter Co., and Ferguson is chief draftsman for the Gilbert Hunt Co., at Walla Walla, Wash.

We are still in our "rushing" season and hope to add a few more names to the following list of new brothers: P. M. Hamilton, of North Andover, Mass.; Freeman Pretzinger, of Dayton, Ohio; W. L. Roberts, U. S. N. A., '09, of Savannah, Ga., and Herbert A. Sweet, of Bridgewater, Mass. The chapter has also pledged H. G. Jenks, of Melrose. We are favored by the affiliation of P. Randolph, of Texas Gamma Eta, University of Texas, and C. W. Barnwell, of Georgia Beta Iota, Georgia School of Technology.

In the Senior Class elections Goodwin was elected president, while Breyer was elected to the Executive Committee. Greene is treasurer of the Electrical Engineering Society; Breyer is president of the Mining Engineering Society and of the Co-op. Hamilton has been chosen cheer leader of the Freshman Class, besides being a member of the Glee Club.

The chapter enjoyed a more than pleasant visit from the Brown chapter "en masse" on the occasion of the Brown-Harvard football game. Ralph Reade, Vermont Beta Zeta, paid us a visit on his way from Cobalt and he reports that there are enough A. T. O.'s up there to form an alumni association, which we hope they will do.

J. C. ROGERS.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA—TUFTS COLLEGE.

Gamma Beta, after one of the severest "rushing" seasons that the "Hill" has ever witnessed, has succeeded in pledging nine good men—men who appear to be capable of upholding the standard of Alpha Taus at Tufts. Of these, Wendell Phillips, of Dedham; Harry L. Tower, of Hudson; Alvan Quennell, of Roxbury, and Vannevar Bush, of Chelsea, have been initiated. George R. Wellman, of Westminster, Vt.; Lester E. Thacher, of Dorchester; Waldo Martin, of Salem; Cyrus Russell, of West Somerville, and K. P. Lord, of Rockland, Me., are soon to follow.

There are twenty-two men back, and it has been intimated by several of our alumni that from every standpoint we have the material for one of the most prosperous years in our career. The principal factor in the making of this prophecy is the spirit of enthusiastic support which every man in the chapter is showing.

Amsden and Russell are marshalls of the Junior and Freshman Classes, respectively. Frost is treasurer of the Sophomore Class.

Ritschy is on Cap and Gown Committee. Amsden and Haley were elected to the "Ivy," the honorary Junior Society. Burgess and Russell are playing a strong game on the 'Varsity football team, and several are on the second team. Cook is leader of the Mandolin Club for the third successive year and the chapter is well represented on both musical clubs. The "Evening Party Association" has made rapid progress in

the past few years and President Kinsman expects even better success this year. Marshall is showing up well in cross-country running.

Mrs. Turner, our matron, is with us once more. It is impossible to mention all the credit due Mrs. Turner for the support and welfare of the chapter, which she has instituted and performed both personally and indirectly.

We have had many visits from our alumni and also from other chapters. We wish especially to express our appreciation for the material assistance that we have received from Van Bargaen, Brown, Gamma Delta, '09.

M. H. HOUGHTON.

MASS. GAMMA SIGMA—WORCESTER POLYTECH. INSTITUTE.

Nineteen brothers returned in September to resume their work, but we missed, besides the June graduates, Clarence A. Howes, who is now in the Drafting Department of the Boston and Albany Railway, at Boston; H. Loring Jenkins, who has gone into business with his father, and Guy C. Hawkins, who has entered the Massachusetts Agriculture College.

We entered upon the "rushing" season with new methods and an enthusiasm that has not been evident for some time. As a result we pledged ten freshmen and one sophomore in as many days.

Thus far, we have initiated the following and take great pleasure in introducing them: Everett T. Harrop, Worcester, Mass.; James W. Cunningham, Fitchburg, Mass.; Carl G. Hockett, Detroit, Michigan; O. H. Foye, Athol, Mass.; N. E. Baxter, Hyde Park, Mass.; John N. Donovan, Bellingham, Washington; Thomas H. Herbst, Malden, Mass., Harold H. Guertin, Spencer, Mass. This gives us a present chapter roll of twenty-seven.

We have as pledged men, Heinrich Schmidt, Worcester, Mass.; Karl Schmidt, Worcester, Mass., and Herbert Putnam, California, whom we expect to initiate soon.

Kennedy and Twomey are showing up with their usual strength in the fall tennis tournaments for the Institute championship. Kennedy has won the singles championship, which makes the third consecutive year that he has won the first cup in this event. Kennedy and Twomey have qualified for the finals in the doubles.

We have obtained our share of the Senior Class officers. Twomey is president and Morden, vice-president.

On Mountain Day, an annual holiday at this institute, the brothers and pledged men walked some ten miles to the Summit House on Mt. Wauchesett, a neighboring mountain, where they spent a very enjoyable day, returning in the evening.

We have received visits from French, Mace, Coolidge and Andrews.

WALLIS C. WATSON

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

On account of an agreement of five of the fraternities in college to do no pledging until January 1, 1910, few of the fraternities have pledged many men this fall. Gamma Delta is watching the experiment of the fraternities in the agreement, and, while it has pledged no freshmen, has strong lines on four or five, who in due course will be able to accept or decline an invitation from A. T. O.

Almost all the members of the chapter with a few prospective brothers visited Massachusetts Beta Gamma on the day of the Harvard-Brown game and took dinner at the chapter house. The Technology men showed us that hospitality was one of their very strong points.

The "chapter quartet," composed of Wilmarth, Richardson, Gifford and Drury, made the Glee Club this fall. Richardson is singing with the 'Varsity quartet, and Gifford is on the Mandolin Club. Bliss has been elected to the Publicity Bureau, and Skillings has been elected to the Celebration Committee and Class first vice-president. Drury has been chosen secretary and treasurer of the Bowling Club. Three members of the sophomore delegation, Warner, Drury, and Barrows, have been nominated for class offices.

The recent announcement of the awarding of honorary scholarships included the names of two of our last year's seniors. George H. Campbell and Chester S. Hardy were two of the five men to receive Francis Wayland scholarships. Turner is not in college this term, but expects to return either the second or third term. Martin, '08, who took graduate work at Columbia last year, is now assisting at Brown in the Geological Department.

Arrangements are being made by the chapter for the conclave to be held here February 22nd, and A. T. O.'s of Province IV are urged to keep this date open for a trip to Providence.

ROBERT F. SKILLINGS.

VERMONT BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

We have pledged seven freshmen, as follows: Albert D. Alderman, Holyoke, Mass.; H. Noble Baker, Richford, Vt.; Harold P. Estes, North Adams, Mass.; Hiram S. McCauley, New Orleans, La.; J. Randall Norton, Middletown, Vt.; Fred S. Rowe, Poultney, Vt.; E. Parker Smith, Malden, Mass. The initiation banquet will be held November 4th at Dorn's Cafe, and the initiation dance November 11th in the Howard Relief Hall.

Although we lost only two men by graduation, R. E. Chase and H. P. Crowell, we have been unfortunate enough to have several others fail to come back, so that there are at present only nine active members in the chapter. They, however, possess an abundance of A. T. O. spirit, the spirit that does things, so that this year bids fair to be a very successful one for Beta Zeta.

Sanford, '07, is doing post-graduate work for an M. S. degree, and Dix, '08, continues as instructor in the Engineering Department. Safford, '08, is teaching in the local high school, and rooms in the house. Prof. Tupper, Beta Xi, dean of the Department of English, is on a year's leave of absence in Europe, and we miss him very much, but expect that he will be back next year with more enthusiasm than ever before.

CHAS. S. SYKES.

PROVINCE V.

NEW YORK ALPHA LAMBDA—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

With the opening of this college year we are sorry to announce the loss of six of our valuable men, Carroll, Knight, Richards, Bruns, Lovell and Dick. Of the above number, we did not lose Lovell and Dick by graduation. They were compelled to leave college for the present year, but expect to be back next year, ready and willing to carry on the good work of Alpha Tau. Over against this loss we are looking forward to a prosperous year.

This year, Columbia still holds the honor of being the largest university in the country, having well passed the six thousand mark, and we hope for and expect as rapid and as brilliant a growth for our chapter.

ROBERT LUNN, JR.

NEW YORK ALPHA OMICRON—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Omicron is in a flourishing condition. Though three good men were graduated, the work was taken up this fall with zeal, and as a result we were able to bring out at our annual initiatory banquet Thursday evening, October 21st, nine of the best men of the Freshman Class. The initiates were Earl and Aubrey David and Driscoll Griffin, of Gouverneur, N. Y.; Harry Landon, Watertown, N. Y.; Roy and Homer Vilas, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Thornton Williams and Kenneth Griswold, Canton, N. Y., and Fordyce Dexter, of Rensselaer Falls, N. Y.

The presidency of the Thelomethesian Society, an organization of the student body and the highest order in college, came our way again this year. Calder, '10, was elected to that office. David was elected president of the Freshman Class.

In athletics Alpha Omicron still holds its standard. Captain Calder, '10, has made a good team this fall. Olds, Welch, Williams, Timmerman and Allen are playing 'Varsity positions. Welch is captain of the Sophomore team this fall. Van Brocklin has submitted to the Athletic Advisory Board one of the best schedules for basketball that St. Lawrence ever had.

The following alumni visited the chapter recently: J. C. Dolan, B. S. O'Neil, J. A. O'Brien, E. O. Hurlbut and C. W. Case.

DWIGHT E. TIMMERMAN.

NEW YORK BETA THETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the college year found Beta Theta with twenty-three men back for the fall "rushing" season. We have initiated the following freshmen: F. H. Gardner, L. R. DeRoode, M. C. Kneeland, H. H. McHose, M. F. Swalwell and W. F. Thatcher. Since the last letter to the PALM, we also initiated R. C. Gano, '10, on June 2, 1909.

Thomas T. Cook, of Missouri Gamma Rho, affiliated with us this fall and we are mighty glad to have him with us. At the present time, we have thirty men in the chapter, twenty-five of whom are in the house.

The different class committees have been appointed and several of our men are honored. Handy is chairman of the Senior Banquet Committee, of which Knibloe is also a member. Gannon is on the Senior Stunt Committee; Atwood, the Junior Smoker; Hopkins, the Junior Feed; Clark, the Sophomore Cotillion.

In the other college activities, we have our representatives. Gano is on the *Sun* board and is a member of Sphinx Head, a Senior honorary society, and the Owls' Debating Society. Knibloe is a member of Mummy Club, an upperclass organization of high standing. Handy is treasurer of the Senior Class and held the same office last year. Atwood is on the cross-country training table; Armstrong is manager of the soccer football team, while Egbert, Bird, and Clark are competing for the managerships of the musical clubs, Crew and Masque, respectively.

Handy, Armstrong, F. M. White, and H. L. White are members of the Mandolin Club and Tewkesbury is on the University Orchestra. McHose, DeRoode, Kneeland, and Thatcher are out for the Freshman crew, Kneeland being out for coxswain and the others as oarsmen.

H. D. KNEELAND.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA—MUHLENBERG COLLEGE.

The chapter is again in harness for a year of solid work. We started under favorable conditions and all indications point to a most prosperous year. The chapter is determined to have its men acquit themselves creditably in scholarship, as well as any other responsibilities that may be allotted them. Without any attempt at egotism or discrediting predecessors, we believe our bunch represents one of the best chapters in our history. From time to time, we make it a point to remind one another of the significance attached in being an A. T. O. and of the standards to which each should aspire. Thus, this mutual interest in the well-being of the chapter is bound to be requited with remarkable benefits.

We opened our "rushing" season by giving a smoker to a number of freshmen the first night that school opened, whereby we were furnished an opportunity for better acquaintance and inspection. This event had its desired effects, for by it we were successful in winning some

very good material. We have already initiated the following: Harvey Reno, Paul Kerstetter, J. Robert Kline, Richard Iobst and Albert Skean. In addition, we have four pledges, so that by the time this letter will reach our readers, our ranks will have been further augmented.

Our men are retaining their customary interest in college activities. We are following the laudable advice given us by brothers higher in authority to abstain from politics. Yet, in spite of this, several of us hold important positions. Aberly was elected to the managership of the football team and to the presidency of the Students' organization; Eberts is the manager of the Glee Club; Romig, Eberts and Hartzell are members of the 1911 *Ciarla* staff.

On October 12th, we observed Founder's Day and in connection with it held a smoker. Announcements of the affair were sent out to all alumni living within close proximity, which, to tell the truth, didn't do very much good, for we would liked to have had many more present. However, all those that took the trouble of attending went away much delighted and with higher opinions of our honorable founders than they ever had before. Malcolm Gross was the speaker and in a forceful manner expounded the history and ideals of A. T. O., and others of the alumni extended greetings and offered helpful remarks.

JNO. E. HARTZELL.

PA. ALPHA PI—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Just now we are in the midst of the "rushing" season. College opened on September 23rd, and since that time we have been busy every minute and the result has been very flattering. Ten members returned this fall and we have five pledges, who, we know, have the right stuff in them for the making of good, loyal Alpha Taus. Every member returned a week before the opening of college and our chapter house was given one of those old-fashioned house-cleanings. The outlook for this year is very bright. Tibbens is again right halfback on the 'Varsity. At present there is a three-cornered race for left end in which "Doc" Wallace is figuring quite prominently and is generally selected as the winner. We have been unusually fortunate this year in having so many of our alumni with us during "rushing" season. With their wider experience and better knowledge of men, they have been a great aid in our selection of new men. Those who have visited us are McDonough, now located in St. Louis; Forsythe, McBryar, Barton, Loucks and Kerr. On October 2nd Elder W. Marshall, Chief of Province V, was our guest and witnessed the annual football game between Washington and Jefferson and Geneva College. Our steward was ready with the first meal served in the house this year on the day before college opened. There is nothing quite so good as a table in your own chapter house and we think that no chapter should have its meals served anywhere but in its own house if it is anyway possible. There are then at least three times every

day when all the brothers are together for a half hour at least and this is not always so when each one has his own private boarding house.

On the day before college opened we lost Jolliff, as an active member, in a very unexpected manner. "Jolly" was a good Alpha Tau, of the class of 1911, and seemed bent on securing a good college education, but certain other attractions proved stronger. Jolliff was married with all due secrecy and that's the last we've seen of him. With all kinds of good wishes for his happiness, nevertheless, we are still "awaiting his return," for as he didn't get the proper "send off," ample amends will be made on his return.

EARL W. BOOZ.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The fall term opened with all our undergraduates back and on their toes for college work and a lookout for good freshmen. As to the latter we had a line on several before college opened. Our new men are J. S. Hagenbuch, S. E. Muthart, C. P. Brinton, J. M. Gonder and J. F. Hauser. We also announce one pledge, D. H. Levan.

There has been a marked increase in the chapter's athletic interest. In football, this fall, four of our men, O. H. Smith, Graham, Harwig and Hauser, are playing on the Scrubs, and will therefore have a fine chance for next year's 'Varsity. Levan was elected captain of the Freshman relay team for the Founder's Day sports. In basketball Alpha Rho is represented by Merkel and Muthart. The former is a last year's 'Varsity man, while Muthart, captain of the Freshman team, has a sure chance for the 'Varsity five.

With the Lafayette game only a week away our time is pretty well occupied with preparations for a house party over the week-end of November 19th, 20th and 21st. Most of the fellows will have girls here over the game and a great time is sure.

Of the alumni, Barwis, Tressler and Hesse have been recently with us.

We wish to thank our alumni and other Taus who notified us about entering freshmen. Such notice and recommendation, while it can not insure a new man's pledge from his standpoint or from ours, nevertheless, is of great help at a season of the year which at best is somewhat over-strenuous.

JAMES M. TOOHY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON—GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

The "rushing" season this year at Gettysburg has been more strenuous than in previous years, on account of the small Freshman Class.

The opening of college found six of the men of the active chapter on the ground, ready for a hard campaign, Wentzel not returning. We were ably assisted during the "rushing" season by Philippy, Bloomhardt

and Rudolph, who are in seminary, and Bender, Zinn and Topper, who reside in town. Several of the alumni were also back and gave a helping hand, and Alpha Upsilon feels confident that she has landed her share of good men for Alpha Tau Omega and we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity-at-large the following new brothers: S. I. Bloomhardt, Altoona, Pa.; W. S. McCullough, Chicora, Pa.; J. C. Hartman, Gettysburg, Pa.; J. C. Lang, Hollidaysburg, Pa., and Roy Diehl, Greencastle, Pa. Robert Fortenbaugh, Harrisburg, Pa., has been pledged. We have also pledged to us three of the best men in the Sub-Freshman Class, Deneen, Myers and Shaeffer.

Alpha Tau Omega is also interested in all the different phases of college activities. On the football team, Philippy is playing his usual consistent game at quarterback. Shaeffer, pledged, is playing a strong game at end, while McCaw and McCullough are on the 'Varsity squad and making the regulars hustle. McCaw has been elected business manager of the *Spectrum*, the annual publication of the Junior Class. McCaw is also on the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course Committee and associate editor of the *Gettysburgian*. Burd was chairman of the Sophomore Poster Committee. Bloomhardt is manager of Class football team. Shaeffer, pledged, is president of the Sub-Freshman Class, while Deneen, pledged, is athletic representative and captain of Prep. football team. Myers, pledged, is manager of Prep. basketball team. Fortenbaugh and Lang are trying for the Orchestra, while McCaw, Lang and Deneen are out for the Glee Club.

R. R. Rudolph, Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, has entered seminary, and is boarding with the chapter. Any more at Muhlenberg like Rudolph? Send them to seminary at Gettysburg, when you are through with them.

Rinard, '03, is also with us. He has been called back to serve his Alma Mater in the capacity of student secretary.

On October 25th we celebrated Founder's Day. Different brothers made speeches on "The Founding of the Fraternity," "Alpha Tau Omega Spirit" and "The Principles of Alpha Tau Omega." Fraternity songs were sung, good-fellowship reigned supreme, and all the brothers were drawn together in one big family, as it were, by the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega brotherhood. All became infused with the Alpha Tau Omega spirit, and when all departed for our rooms, after three hearty "Ruh, Rah Regas" for Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall, each one felt that Alpha Tau Omega meant more to him than ever before.

W. H. BURD.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The collegiate year of 1909-'10 finds Tau active in every respect. In the rushing of new men, we have been very conservative. Three large smokers were given immediately after the opening of college. From

the many prospects who were our guests at that time, we have chosen five men. Pennington Howard Way, of St. David's, Pa.; Willard Spenser, Jr., of the same place; Bartlett Ward Shyrook, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and John Shaw Van Winkle, of Paterson, N. J., were initiated on October 26th and Joseph Williams, Jr., of Punxsutawney, Pa., one week later. Our chapter roll at the present time numbers twenty-one.

Although the year is barely one month old, yet we have been the recipients of many honors.

Ferguson, '10, who was awarded his 'Varsity "P" at Poughkeepsie last spring, has been elected a cheer leader for the present season. He is also stroke and captain of the Senior crew and a member of the 'Varsity four.

Stoever and Whiteside are on the Senior crew. The latter is manager of the wrestling team and editor-in-chief of *The Red and Blue*, the literary monthly of the university.

MacDonald is business manager of this publication and Edminston is a candidate for the assistant managership. In addition, several of the fellows are out for the Board.

Ritter has become a member of the Plumb Bob Senior Civil Engineering Society; and has been elected representative of the E. F. Smith House in the dormitories.

Stoever, Vandervoort, Davis, Van Sweringen, Spencer and Way are all on the musical clubs. Van Sweringen is a member of the "Sunshine Quartette," the most coveted position in the musical world of the university.

The calls for candidates for the various teams met with immediate response from the chapter and when the teams are finally picked, we are sure of a goodly representation.

Dawson, who is now on leave of absence, expects to be in the active chapter at the beginning of the second term.

The annual dance will be given, according to custom, in the Houston Club on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The committee has been hard at work for several weeks and everything tends to show that it will be successful in every sense of the word.

The chapter has greatly appreciated the numerous recommendations which have been received this year. They have assisted us greatly in our search for good men. Hartzell, of Pa. Alpha Pi, is now living with us. He is on the staff of the *Philadelphia Press*. Lawton, of Minn. Gamma Nu, is at the Divinity School in this city and frequently gives us the pleasure of his presence. Stettler and Bossard, of Pa. Alpha Iota, have entered the university this year. McCaw and Stock, of Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Bonander, of Pa. Alpha Rho; Moore, of Ga. Alpha Beta; Weisenfluh, L. H. Williams, P. H. Williams and J. A. Williams have been among the brothers who have visited the chapter within the past few weeks. These visits bring the real meaning of our fraternity closer to our hearts than could anything else. More of them is our lone request.

WILLIAM J. RYNICK.

PROVINCE VI.

N C. ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The beginning of the college year found us with nine men back in the university. We have initiated James W. Morris, of Tampa, Fla.; Belknap Battle, Asheville, N. C., and Charles Broadfoot, Fayetteville, N. C.

The initiation was held at Trinity College in Durham through the kindness of Trinity Xi, as our house, as mentioned in the last issue of the PALM, was destroyed by fire on June 2nd. For some time after the initiation we enjoyed the entertainment and hospitality of our Trinity brothers, leaving at a late hour for the Hill. We wish to extend to the Trinity chapter our sincere thanks for their kindness.

The most important thing before the chapter now is the building of a new house. We are glad to say that before a year has passed since the burning of the other house, another will stand in its place, for work on the new house will begin within three weeks. When it is completed it will be the most attractive fraternity house here. Although we have received the hearty co-operation of our alumni in regard to the building of a new house, we would like to make especial mention of Pratt, Ruffin and MacRae, whose help has proven most valuable. To Curtis, who is now professor of Architecture in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, we owe much, inasmuch as he drew the plans.

We were glad to have with us for several days last month Fry, Pemberton, McNeill and Burgwyn, all Alpha Delta men. R. S. McNeill has been elected to lead the fall dance to be given by the German Club of the university.

We regret the loss of four of last year's chapter. Ray is studying law at Harvard. Albert Stewart is in the banking business at Fayetteville and Tate and Stinson are at their homes in Morgantown.

JAMES S. PATTERSON.

NORTH CAROLINA XI—TRINITY COLLEGE.

We started in this year with thirteen out of seventeen old men back. Claude Flowers, '09, is back with us taking work in the Law Department. Doss and Cole we lost by graduation. Doss has a position at the Trinity Park School as professor of Latin. Cole accepted a position as registrar at Woodbury Forest High School. Bruton, who dropped out last year, has a good position in the Government Stamping Office in Wilson, N. C. Nicholson is with the A. C. L. Railway and is located at Florence, S. C.

On account of their chapter house having burned, the brothers of N. C. Alpha Delta held their initiation with us this fall. The "goats" having been put through, the two chapters joined together in putting away the good things. We were glad to have been in a position to serve our brothers across the way, and were glad also of the opportunity of meeting together again.

Since our last letter we have pledged two new men, who will be taken in about the first of February.

Since college opened we have received visits from Foreman, Parham, Fred Flowers, Connelly and Cooper.

J. L. HUTCHISON.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA XI—COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON.

After a month of college, Beta Xi chapter finds itself in a very flourishing condition, although we grieve to state that three of the old men are not back; and though new men can never quite take the place of the old ones, yet we hope to try and make up the deficiency somewhat by new men. Of our lost ones, Boggs and McCready have gone to the University of South Carolina and Marchell is working at his home in Anderson, S. C., and they are doing well except, by last reports, they are bemoaning the loss of Alpha Tau. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity C. C. Pinkney and C. Otto W. Sparkman, who have lately been initiated.

In college, Beta Xi is represented by Todd, captain; Stoney and Middleton on the football team, and in the future expects to be well represented in scholarship, athletics and in society.

J. J. PRINGLE SMITH.

VIRGINIA BETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The year opened with only six Beta men in the field, but we had a great many recommendations to work upon. Of those, some failed to pass the chapter and others came in too late for us to get the man; but at the present time we have three men pledged and think that what we miss in numbers we make up in quality.

Allison, who was out of college last year, is back with us again. And we are also glad to have with us this year, for the first time, S. Hyde, of S. C. Beta Xi, and J. M. Carson, of Tenn. Beta Pi. This raises our present chapter roll to twelve.

Beta is up against a pretty stiff question—that of a chapter house. Two more fraternities moved into houses this year, and now we feel that we must either get a house or not get the best “goats.” It is needless to say that we are doing everything in our power to rent one for next year. But we want to own our own house in the near future.

The Editor, in the September PALM, said that the fraternity should take steps towards erecting a memorial to the fraternity in the form of a chapter house in Lexington—where the fraternity was first organized. And we want to add that Beta certainly needs all the help she can get under the present conditions.

Allison and Hyde have been showing up well at football. But the former had to give it up on account of an injury to his knee.

Anderton is out for the cross-country run, known here as the "Washington and Lee Marathon." Everyone expects him not only to win, but to break the record.

We had a very enjoyable visit from J. B. Baker during the past month.

E. S. HUMPHREYS.

VIRGINIA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Delta starts this new collegiate year with but five men back. We were very glad to welcome W. R. McLure as a transfer from Washington and Lee. The five who returned are G. H. Lang, L. F. Tucker, J. A. Myers, A. S. Bolling and A. H. Caldwell, but of these only the first three are in college. Bolling is practicing law in Charlottesville and Caldwell is an assistant in the University Hospital. Both, however, intend to affiliate.

With this small crowd we started our "rushing" season and succeeded in landing three fine "goats." Those whom we initiated on October 16th were T. H. Todd, of New York City, and Claiborne Wilcox and Wiley R. Cooke, of Norfolk, Va. We still occupy our old rooms, but the chapter house has been contracted for and the builders will start as soon as the winter is over. The alumni have it in charge and all necessary funds have been raised.

"Dutch" Lang is president of the Medical Class and has lately been elected to the T. I. L. K., a ribbon society. Tucker belongs to the Lambda Pi Engineering Fraternity. In the athletic line Todd is out for football and both Wilcox and Cooke intend to try for the baseball team.

We were very sorry not to be able to welcome back Carl Walker, Ray Hendricks, "Bill" Sadler, "Jim" Hamner and Gary Alexander. Walker, Virginia's star pitcher, is working in Richmond. Sadler is practicing law in Birmingham. Alexander is also in a law office in Jacksonville. Hamner is working in Richmond and Hendricks in Jacksonville.

Bradley Walker, an alumnus of this chapter and an old football star of Virginia, is now helping coach the football team.

J. A. MYERS.

PROVINCE VII.

OHIO ALPHA NU—MT. UNION COLLEGE.

The present school year opened with every encouragement for a prosperous year for Alpha Nu. Nine of last year's men are back. Thus far, we have pledged five fellows. Holwick, of Salem; Leward Wykoff, of Alliance; Glass, of Homeworth, and Wilson, of Akron, have been initiated. Mt. Union is doing great things in football this season, having

been defeated by Case only. As usual, Alpha Nu is contributing her full quota to these victories. Gibson, at left half; O'Brien, at right half, and Monahan, at fullback, are doing great work. Besides these men on the team, Holwick is president of the Athletic Association, and Geiger, a member of the Board of Directors.

Our boys are also well represented in other college activities. Irwin, Geiger and Shaw are on the editorial staff of the college paper, Shaw being editor-in-chief. King, Shaw, Fritchley, Geiger and Monahan are members of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

On October 19th the boys, with their lady friends, were most elegantly entertained by Pledge Saffel, at his home in Georgetown. The party of thirty made the trip in a tally-ho and buggies. An elegant five-course chicken supper was served by Mrs. Saffel. This certainly was a most pleasant occasion and one long to be remembered.

Our Province Chief, E. F. Eldredge, of Cleveland, spent October 23rd and 24th at our chapter house. Lake, of Beta Omega; Hobson, of Cleveland; Fleming, of Lorain; Harry Rhoades, of Suffield; Herman Carr, of Pittsburgh; J. A. Dufford, of Chintinville, Pa., and F. P. Geiger, of Canal Dover, have been recent visitors at the chapter house.

We are looking forward with interest to the conclave at Wooster and expect to be well represented there.

W. H. GEIGER.

OHIO ALPHA PSI—WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Wittenberg College opened this fall with the largest enrollment it has ever had, and at the first roll call of the chapter for the school year of 1909-'10 there were fourteen brothers who answered present.

All during the summer we had been at work getting a line on the most desirable men who would enter school and in planning for the furnishing of the fine big fourteen-room house we had rented for the coming year.

As a result of our labors, on the evening of September 16th, we initiated five of our freshmen into the mysteries of A. T. O. and eighteen days later added four more, thereby making nine of the very best men in school our brothers, good and true.

We beg to introduce to our brethren Jay G. Detrick, H. K. Smith, Arthur Dresher, Elmer Schaeffer, Lowell Bodey, Benjamin Wier, Hugo Dressler, Chester Dickhaut and Benjamin Widener.

On Wednesday evening, October 27th, we gave our first formal social function. Our house is splendidly adapted for dancing and we had taken great pains to make it as attractive as possible. That we succeeded was witnessed by the enthusiasm of the twenty-eight young ladies who were our guests.

Shortly after the opening of school Wilson, the 'Varsity's star halfback, met with a painful accident. While riding his motorcycle

he collided with a street car and sustained a broken shoulder bone, in addition to serious cuts and bruises. He is again able to be with us, but not on the gridiron. Another A. T. O., however, Miller, is filling his place at halfback.

Deam, who was with us last year, is this year at Ohio State University. Diehl is at Yale and Kline is at Harvard.

Our chapter house fund is steadily growing and is now assuming respectable proportions. Our hope and dream is that a year from now we can invite our brother A. T. O.'s to a home of our own.

ARTHUR C. DALE.

OHIO BETA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta ushered in the new year in Wesleyan this fall with eleven old men back, and after the smoke of rushing week had cleared away we emerged from the Pan-Hellenic scramble with twenty men, having without a doubt secured in our nine pledges the pick of the Freshman Class. We did not lose a bid, while nine bids from other fraternities were wasted upon the men whom we secured. We honestly believe the chapter to be in better shape this year than ever before, and as English and Pledge Regemcier are to return next term we ought to keep up the year with flying colors. We desire to announce the following men who have been pledged this fall to Alpha Tau: Carl A. Hyer, Bloomingsburgh; Fred Winemiller, Delaware; Henry T. Sargeant, Hudson; E. Dexter Pool, Jr., Dayton; C. T. Guthery, Larue; Don B. Grady, Taylorsville, Illinois; Harry D. Brown, Columbus; Sherman P. Congdon, Mt. Vernon; Ralph W. Parks, Nelsonville.

On October 8th we initiated James LeRoy Spahr, of Jamestown, Ohio, while the new pledges will be shown the "goat" about Thanksgiving.

In the recent class elections the chapter was highly honored by the election of Lingo as president of the Senior Class; Little, president of the Sophomore Class, and Bare, treasurer of the Junior Class.

Little was leader of the Sophomores in the flag rush, and is making a State-wide reputation for himself at right guard on the 'Varsity football team, while the athletic reputation of the entire bunch is being upheld in the class series by Hyer and Guthery, who are the individual stars on the Freshman team, and Daniel, Battenfield, Bare and Jackson on the other elevens.

Daniel and Little both look good for the basketball team this winter, and with Captain Daniel and Pitcher McRae we ought to hold our own in baseball.

Not only on the gridiron and diamond is the bunch shining this year, but in every branch of college activities. Parks is singing bass on the quartet; Bare is on the Glee Club, and Grady and Brown, on the Mandolin Club. Bare and Little are officers in the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

We are extremely fortunate this year in having four Alpha Taus

on the faculty. They are Harrington, English instructor; Lieutenant Menges, military commandant and professor of Military Science; Crist, instructor in Law and Business, and last, but not least, Lynn W. St. John, Wesleyan's athletic coach and the idol of every student in school. All these men are taking an active part in the affairs of the chapter and are rendering us a great deal of invaluable aid.

Several weeks after the opening of school the pledges of all the other fraternities were entertained in a novel manner at the house by our own "preps," assisted by the older men, and the affair made an immense hit throughout the school, putting ourselves and our freshmen in exceedingly well with all of the new men in school. In the social end of things Monnett Hall is receiving its share of attention by the men; and little dinner parties, which are pulled off at the house every few weeks, tend to strengthen our social standing and "drag" with the co-eds.

Our project of buying and remodeling our house was definitely settled upon at a meeting, in Delaware, of the alumni building association and the option on the property until June has been secured, at which time the necessary funds will be in hand to make the purchase and settle on Ohio Beta Eta a beautiful and permanent home.

The men are keeping up their standards in the class rooms, and the round tables for the new men, which we hold, following fraternity meeting each week, are enabling us to give them a training in every line. Visits have been made during the term by a number of brothers and the affairs have proved most pleasant ones.

CARL S. JACKSON.

OHIO BETA MU—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

On the return of the brothers to the house this fall we find many vacancies which are hard to fill. With the absence of Blankenhorn, Meldrum, Bunn and Wilson, all of whom have graduated, and also Herbert, Guinther and Honeywell, who have left to take up various kinds of work, we have indeed suffered a great loss. Our first meetings this year with only twelve men were far different from those rousing ones of last spring with twenty members present. However, with the added responsibility fully appreciated by each man, and with the old spirit of loyalty and willingness more than ever in evidence, we have gone to work with a vim.

In spite of handicaps, it is the opinion of all that we have started a most successful year for Beta Mu. In the words of one of our alumni the "We will" spirit has never been so evident. With a discouraging faculty restriction on pledging or even bidding men until the second semester, we have, with the cognizance of the faculty, arranged an understanding with six of the best men in school. In fact, we got every man we wanted and more than that the other chapters acknowledge our success. We will not be allowed to pledge or initiate these men until

the second semester, and hence can not at the present time announce their names to the fraternity at large. Suffice to say, that practically all of the six men were strongly rushed or bid by other fraternities.

In athletics this fall we are represented on the gridiron by Crawford and Wilson Compton. On account of sickness it has been impossible for Mackintosh, 'Varsity quarter in 1907, to don his togs.

Karl Compton, '07, has the chair of Chemistry during the year in place of Dr. Bennett, who is taking a year's study abroad. Mackintosh has returned to school and has the position of laboratory assistant in Biology. With the example of last year's Senior Class before us, we are doing our best in scholarship. At commencement last spring we found that Beta Mu had four of the five highest men in scholarship. In connection with the fact that we led all other chapters in athletics this is a good showing.

We are looking forward now to the conclave, which is to be held here in February, and wish to extend an invitation to all the fraternity, whether members of Province VII or not.

The chapter has enjoyed visits from Steele, '07, Meldrum, '09, Bunn, '09, and Huston, of Mansfield.

H. N. MACKINTOSH.

OHIO BETA OMEGA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Omega wishes to present as brothers the following seven initiates: Bernard Avery, Bowling Green, Ohio; P. C. Labourn, Springfield, Ohio; George Crane, Columbus, Ohio; Earle Pugh, Columbus, Ohio; LeRoy Yingling, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ralph Orwig, Napoleon, Ohio, and Lowell Zemer, Napoleon, Ohio. These men were initiated on Saturday evening, October 23rd. Several alumni and visiting brothers from Beta Eta and Alpha Psi were present at the initiation. A reception was held after the ceremony at which time plans for obtaining a new home were discussed.

We are living in our old house of the last two years and are finding it now more crowded, owing to the increase in the size of our chapter. There are twenty-four men in the chapter at present, and the condition of the chapter is the best in its history. Thus, the chapter is able and desirous of obtaining and owning a new home, more in harmony with its place among the other fraternities in the university, which, by the way, is very near the top. A plan will be adopted soon and work on the new house proposition will be pushed as hard as possible.

Beta Omega is well represented on the gridiron this fall. Hatfield and Eberle are holding down positions in the back field on the 'Varsity, and Yingling and Labourn, freshmen, are beginning to be mentioned as candidates for the same positions next year. Besides these, we have representatives on both the Freshman and Sophomore teams, Yingling being captain of the Freshman team.

On the evening of October 26th, the chapter held an informal dance in honor of the new brothers at Rader's Oak. About thirty-five couples were present, comprising the active chapter and several alumni.

We wish to announce the pledging of James Rappburn, of Kittanning, Pa., who has entered the first year of the Civil Engineering Course.

WM. R. TRIEM.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA—WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY.

A view of our campus from Euclid Avenue no longer presents the wide sweeping lawns that formerly attracted so much attention. The need of new buildings has compelled the using of more and more of the rather limited space. The new chemistry building, which has been in the course of construction for about a year, is now almost completed. A new chapel, which will cost \$267,000, is now being built, and we hope will be finished in time for the graduation exercises next June. Our only need now is a new gymnasium, and that will probably come very shortly.

There were about one hundred and twenty-five men in the Adelbert Freshman Class this fall. Seventeen of our old men returned to school and we started to work early in order to get the best of the freshmen. We pledged five of them. On October 26th, we initiated P. L. Small, Jamestown, N. Y.; R. J. Koplin, Cleveland; F. D. Adams, Bedford, O.; W. T. Smith, Salem, O., and R. H. MacIntosh, Salinville, O. This gives us a chapter of twenty-three men, who are distributed among the classes as follows: Seven seniors, four juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen. In college activities we are well represented. Corlett and Barney are playing the halfback positions, and Bluem, sub-tackle, on the 'Varsity football team. Corlett is president of the Senior Class. Feather is president of the Student Council. Smith is assistant editor of the *Annual* and the chapter's representative on the Junior Dance Committee. On the Musical and Glee Clubs we have seven men, three of them being freshmen. This is a creditable showing, inasmuch as only five freshmen made the clubs.

Sigma Nu has installed a chapter here and Sigma Chi will install one shortly. This will bring the number of fraternities at the school up to nine.

The chapter is favored this year by having Hawley, of Ohio Beta Eta, living at the house. Hawley is attending Case School of Applied Science and will probably be with us for two years. Potts, also of Ohio Beta Eta, is going to Western Reserve Law School and we are delighted to have him with us. Several of the Alpha Nu and Beta Mu brothers have visited us during the football season.

On November 1st the chapter held its annual Hallowe'en party. This was our first party in the new house and it was a big success. Every

Sunday afternoon a large number of our loyal alumni come out and we have some fine reunions. Old and young join in singing the good old fraternity songs. Alpha Tau spirit was never at a higher pitch than it is this year. Every man is giving the fraternity and the college all that he has got and is therefore getting all that he can out of his college life.

S. H. SMITH.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY MU IOTA—KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

When the members of Mu Iota returned to school this fall they had recovered from the effects of the installation of last spring and each felt that the chapter was now in position to do some real fraternity work.

We were very much saddened by the fact that one of our loyal alumni, Joseph M. Coons, had died during the summer. But the record he left is an inspiration for each man to strive harder to be a better man and to uphold the standard of the fraternity.

Nine of our last year's men returned this year to resume their college work. C. R. Harned, who was with us last year, will attend Dental College. After coming back and matriculating, A. S. Winston decided to work a year, and secured a position in Louisville with the Sewer Commission.

We have initiated five men and have one pledge. Two of the initiates are alumni, J. H. Gardner, who is with the U. S. Geological Survey, and J. M. Gaither, who has been at work in New Mexico. The other three who will be active members are B. H. Collings, H. L. Moore and Willis E. Hobson. All of these men are thoroughly imbued with the fraternity spirit and will do good work.

Two of our men, W. C. Fox, Civil, and P. B. Blakemore, Mining, have been elected to Tau Beta Pi. Out of five men selected two were Alpha Taus.

On the Dance Committee we are represented by Fox. G. G. Dunlap, "All-Kentucky" tackle last year and "K" man for two years, is playing his usual good game this season, and is one of the hardest workers on the squad. Fox is also on the squad.

Becker and Hailey are singing in the Glee Club, and Becker is on the staff of the college paper, *The Idea*.

We are fortunate in having two alumni, L. E. Nollau, who teaches in the university, and A. W. King, who has a position in town, with us this year, as they are both deeply interested in the fraternity work and lend valuable suggestions.

As a whole Mu Iota is taking her share of the honors and is in a position to do valuable work during the year.

W. A. WALLACE.

TENN. ALPHA TAU—SOUTHWESTERN PRES. UNIVERSITY.

Eight brothers answered to their names at roll call. It was our first meeting after the summer vacation—a good meeting full of good old Alpha Tau spirit, bubbling over with new life and enthusiasm for the coming year.

Though there is sadness in our hearts when we see the empty chairs of the fellows who can not be with us this year, yet we have rubbed the sand out of our eyes and have gone to work. Our efforts have been richly rewarded, for we have initiated the following men: P. C. Buford, R. J. Matthews, P. W. Bell, W. P. McElroy and H. M. Caldwell. A good man is pledged and Watson is coming back at the beginning of next year.

L. B. Fields, who now has charge of a church in Atlanta, made us a short visit.

All the brothers who attended the Pittsburgh Convention will remember big George Cheek. George dropped in on us—couldn't stay away while we were opening a new year—came, bringing along the same old Alpha Tau spirit from the same old brew which we have all imbibed.

We, for one, are glad that "the educational world has penetrated the external portals of the Greek-letter system, looking beyond the jeweled badge to the man wearing it." Let the examination go on. They may learn a few things which they now do not know. When the dean of a school like the University of Illinois sees only relatively slight and unimportant faults in the organization, and that in the main they make for warm friendships, social training, good scholarship and high ideals, what more have the critics to offer!

Among most of the fraternities here the same can be said. There is no friction between the faculty and the fraternities, nor between fraternity and non-fraternity men; in fact, harmony is manifested to a high degree.

One reason why some fraternities have become unpopular in some institutions is, the members are too liberal and do not *know* a man until he has become affiliated with them; then to their sorrow and to that of every fraternity in the school.

Alpha Tau is trying to secure the co-operation of the other fraternities in this university, in that the initiating shall not begin until after January 1st—a principle for which we have always stood.

Let me voice the sentiment of Brother George, of Tulane. "Do not be discouraged, Brother Reno." The top side will always bob up; get away from the desk, take a few fellows and girls and go on a 'possum hunt (they are good here) and say, "Sing one of those new Alpha Tau songs and give the yell."

O. W. BUSCHGEN.

TENNESSEE BETA PI—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

After a strenuous and successful "spiking" season, Beta Pi has settled^d down to a year of ambitious work. With the exception of those few lost by graduation and possibly three or four men who have either sought new fields or cast their lot with other institutions, the "Old Guard" of 1908 has rallied to the man, and is now on hand to continue the record-breaking work that Alpha Tau Omega accomplished at Vanderbilt during the past twelve months.

We are now living in a beautiful two-story chapter house on Broad Street, just two doors from the university campus. The location is ideal and the house is furnished in a tasty and consistent style. The dance hall has already been the scene of two lively gatherings, and on each occasion we have entertained a number of visiting brothers who accompanied the various football squads to Nashville. There are nine men living in the house and twelve eating at the table run by the fraternity. We find the plan of running a table in connection with the house a convenient and economical one; and already some of the other fraternities here have adopted the plan.

The total number of men initiated to date is seven, representing some of the best freshmen who entered the university during the year. They are McAllister, Lide, Warner, Alexander, Durall, Davidson and Bomer. At present we have no pledges, but are hard at work on two men who are being "rushed" by several other fraternities. Our chances are very good and in the end there is no doubt but that Alpha Tau will come out the victors.

To see that A. T. O. is taking a prominent part in college activities here it is only necessary to glance at the work already done. McGehee has a death hold on left tackle on the 'Varsity; and he has gained all kinds of fame by his brilliant playing. Canale was elected vice-president of the Senior Law Class; and a number of the other members have been appointed to honorary offices in the different organizations on the campus. Besides this, some of our initiates have already distinguished themselves, by taking class prizes and securing a place on the honor roll.

A conclave will be held here on November 24th and 25th, including every chapter in Province VIII. During this time we expect to entertain a large number of visitors, and we are fully prepared for any number of Alpha Taus who may journey to Nashville for this supreme time of brotherly love and good fellowship. There will be dancing, football games, smokers and nearly every variety of amusement that could be wished for by any member of the fraternity.

We are glad to hear of the success that Alpha Tau Omega is having throughout Province VIII, and extend to our neighboring chapters our sincerest wishes for continued results. Dr. R. W. Billington, who was appointed Province Chief to succeed Brother Jervey, is also president of the local alumni and an old member of Beta Pi chapter. He has entered upon his work most enthusiastically and has already honored this chapter with several visits.

PHIL M. CANALE.

TENNESSEE BETA TAU—UNION UNIVERSITY.

We are back at the same old stand doing business in the same old way. We have nine dandy, all-around college men; all congenial brothers and everything moving along as splendidly as could be wished. Socially we are popular with all the boys, the co-eds, and the faculty. In athletics, "Daddy" Boone, the captain and star tackle on the 'Varsity eleven, and "Duly" Johnson, center, give us a first place on the gridiron, Gest and Proctor are among the best on the tennis courts and we are sure of one or two members on the basketball team. We try to be popular socially and, of course, we strive to keep a high position in athletics, but we place good class room records second to nothing and we have not a single brother who does not make good records in his class work.

Proctor, who has been absent since '06, is back for his Senior work and presides as W. M., and Carmack, who had to leave last winter, is back again.

We have initiated one new member since the opening of school—Jo. S. Gest, of Columbus, Kentucky. Gest was pledged last year, but could not be initiated because of Sub-Freshman work. He will be with us two years and then expects to be connected with Beta Pi, at Vanderbilt. We shall have two or three more brothers to introduce to you in our next PALM letter.

JO. S. GEST.

TENNESSEE OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

With the opening of the university the fraternities found themselves very small in numbers, but large in proportion to the student body, which consists of only 115 men, including all departments.

The loss of fourteen men is not,* however, irretrievable, and relying somewhat on our prestige, but most on hard work, Omega is "rushing" with all of her proverbial "pepper."

The sudden death of Clark Waring was the severest individual loss the chapter has sustained in many years. But the facts that this week another brother was added to the ranks of the weavers of the Maltese Cross in the person of Robinson, and that although there are no "sure shots," yet there are several representative freshmen on whom we base considerable hope, tend to cast brightness on the future.

We have been glad to welcome R. L. Colmore, H. G. Cape and E. and C. Penick to the chapter since the last issue of the PALM.

Cape has come back to Sewanee to take up the position as head coach for the season of 1909.

It will be rather a long wait before the chapter can be rejuvenated with any new blood, as the Pan-Hellenic has forbidden pledging of new men until the first day of the second semester, which will be near the first of February, 1910.

FRANK H. GAILOR.

TENNESSEE PI—UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

The school year 1909-'10 opened on September 15th. The Freshman Class this year is the largest in the history of the University of Tennessee, and as hazing in any form is not tolerated by the faculty, the "fish" have taken the "Hill."

Tennessee Pi considers itself extremely fortunate in returning twelve active members. On account of the new ruling of the faculty here, no first year man can be "rushed" or pledged by any fraternity until after the first examination, which comes in February, and then if he doesn't pass all of his work, he is debarred from entering a fraternity. This gives the fraternities plenty of time for investigating their prospective men, and we think that they will be benefited by this ruling in more ways than one.

While the talking of fraternity matters to new men is forbidden, there is no rule to prevent us from becoming acquainted with them. The first important move we made in this direction was on Saturday, September 25th, at which time about twenty new men and as many of our fellows spent a most enjoyable evening at a smoker given in our new house. The smoker was a decided success and made a good impression on our guests, as since that time several men, who are considered to be about the best fraternity material on the "Hill," have made it convenient to be over with us most of their unemployed time. The location of our new home is ideal. The house is thoroughly modern and fitted with all the conveniences of an up-to-date fraternity house.

We are well represented in almost every phase of college life. Carson is major of the battalion this year. Benton White is captain of the Senior Law football team and manager of the basketball team. Kennedy won the Freshman scholarship for last year and we have two or three men eligible for the honorary fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi.

We were very sorry, indeed, to lose five loyal Alpha Taus this year. Griscom is at Nevada School of Mines. Ratliff and Daniel hold important positions in the Engineering Departments of the Knoxville Water and Gas Companies. Allen is doing government work in Kentucky, but expects to be with us again after Christmas.

We were very glad to have with us Robinson, of Georgia Alpha Beta, who played a good game against the 'Varsity as right halfback on his team.

From all appearances this is to be a banner year for Tennessee Pi, both in getting good men and making high records in every branch of school life.

W. E. DUEEASE.

The Greek World.

By HENDREE P. SIMPSON, Associate Editor.

The third edition of the "Sorority Handbook" (Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, editor), published 1909, is at hand for review, and for lack of time the writer is compelled to forego this pleasure until the next PALM comes out.



The first issue of the *American College* has appeared under date of October, published in New York and Winchester, Va. The editors are Clarence F. Birdseye (Chi Phi), author of several well-known books on college and legal subjects, and Frank F. Rogers (Delta Tau Delta), editor of the Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow*. Its aims are: "It wants to be *the* magazine of every college man and woman; it will attempt to cover the entire college field of America; it will furnish every college man and woman with information that no college graduate can do 'without.'" This first issue is deserving of much commendation, and the only criticism that we have to make of it is that its college news departments do not cover the field in a broad, national manner. The large eastern and middle west institutions receive too much of the lion's share of the notices. The publishers are the Higher Education Association, 1 Liberty Street, New York, and the subscription is \$2.50 per year. We shall watch its future numbers with interest, and urge its support upon our fraternity men, provided it carries out these aforementioned aims, which it can only do, however, by being totally devoid of sectionalism.

Upon Birmingham the Kappa Alphas descended last July, and according to the *Journal*, the transactions were of more than ordinary interest. Their executive was authorized to appoint a salaried traveling agent in the interests of the memorial hall and the *Journal*; a chapter house building fund was established for the lending of money with which to build such homes; and a general catalogue, a pocket edition address book, and a legal directory were ordered to be published in 1910. This fraternity, it seems, pays the railroad fare of delegates, and has doubled its membership since 1901. No new chapters were installed between the two last conventions. And finally, the convention ushered on the stage Mr. Verner M. Jones as again editor of the *Journal* after a lapse of ten years. Our acquaintance with Mr. Jones dates only from the time when he was running the Greek-news department of the *Journal*, and it was then the cleverest and most entertaining of similar departments in any of the Greek magazines. Our congratulations and felicitations are herewith cordially extended to the "new" editor.



The writer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the four issues of the *Karnea Daily Bulletin* published during the late Karnea of Delta Tau Delta at Pittsburgh. The *Bulletin* was fully alive, evidently, and is about the best of convention dailies that we have seen. It is noted that the registration reached 435, but unfortunately not as many as one hundred of the delegates and visitors deposited railroad tickets with the usual committee, and consequently the expected reduction in rates was not secured. The convention went on record as standing for a high grade of scholarship among the fraternity's members, and an unjewelled badge was legislated in favor of. Chicago was selected as the next meeting place.



At the S. A. E. convention held last June in Atlantic City, the attendance seems to have been smaller than usual and also several chapters were unrepresented. This midsummer date was evidently discouraging to the Sigma Alphas, for the next time they meet it will be in December and at Kansas City. A

writer in the *Record* remarks that "for the convention that wishes to have a big fuss made about it, Atlantic City is the wrong place," which sounds a little as though he might be explaining some disappointments. The convention granted a charter to Oklahoma University, which it entered in October, provided finances for a memorial hall and for a history of the fraternity, and took the initial step towards a Pan-Hellenic Union.



At its late convention, Theta Delta Chi legislated a standard badge into existence; likewise Kappa Alpha, at Birmingham, did the same and fixed the cost at \$2.00 and \$2.50 each. We notice that the firm of Edward R. Roehm, of Detroit, has been dismissed from the order of Kappa Alpha Jewellers.

And what did Edward do? Delta Tau Delta, at its late Pittsburgh convention, also legislated against jewelled badges.



Tau Kappa Epsilon, a local society at Illinois Wesleyan University, which several times petitioned Phi Delta Theta for a renewal of the charter of Illinois Epsilon, has decided to become a general fraternity; and accordingly, writes the Illinois Wesleyan correspondent of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, has established chapters at Northwestern and Millikin.—*The Scroll*.



Several fraternities, among them Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Tau Omega, absolutely prohibit their members from having any connection with the Sophomore society, Theta Nu Epsilon, their chapters having no option in the matter.—*The Scroll*.



Sigma Chi met in convention at Chicago in June and July, and reports an attendance of 351, with 55 out of 59 active chapters represented and 32 out of 41 alumni chapters. George Ade, whom to mention is to know, is the new executive head of the fraternity. Two petitions for charters were granted; that of Case School of Applied Sciences and that of the University of Pittsburgh. A report of the committee on expansion is interesting:

On the matter of expansion your committee feels that the fraternity has reached a point in its development and growth when it can well

afford to adopt a conservative attitude with regard to this most important question. We favor a limited expansion in well-established and growing *State* institutions and those institutions supported by adequate endowment, and in this connection we desire to direct the attention of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council to the opportunity which is at present offered the fraternity for development in the Southern states. We feel that the symmetrical growth of the fraternity demands that more attention be paid to this section, which, in our opinion, is destined in the next few years to become the scene of enormous industrial and educational development.

The fraternity revived its Wabash chapter last May, after a "sleep" of fifteen years on the part of the said chapter.



Sigma Phi Epsilon meets in its sixth conclave in Washington on March 28th of next year. Its District of Columbia chapter was installed at George Washington University on October 9th.



The Sewanee Pan-Hellenic Association has decided that no student shall be initiated into any fraternity until he has entered upon his second half year.



Humor must creep into the Greek magazines at times, and here is a bit of it under the heading of "Some More 'Glass House' Tenants" as given in the *Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*:

The May issue of *The Kappa Sigma Caduceus* states: "That fraternity [meaning Sigma Phi Epsilon] is founding new chapters with a rapidity that must well nigh take away the breath of life from the ultra-conservative 'nationals'."

A glance at the following table of chapters, established since 1900,

1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908

Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	1	2	6	3	5	2	5	5 —29
Kappa Sigma.....	5	4	5	5	4	2	1	1 —27

leads us to believe that, during the period from 1901 to 1905 inclusive, these same "ultra-conservative nationals" must have made several "gasps," and if the editor of *Kappa Sigma* would study the table of chapter establishment since 1825 he would have no trouble whatever in locating these "take away the breath of life" periods in almost every one of the fraternities we suppose he classes as "ultra-conservative nationals," but in only one instance (Alpha Tau Omega, 1881-1885, twenty-four chapters) are we able to locate one to surpass Kappa Sigma's record from 1901 to 1906.

Theta Delta Chi has this year for the first time in its history a graduate treasurer and a graduate secretary, these positions having been held heretofore by undergraduates. The secretary began his first official tour of inspection October 20th, which extended from "Hoboken to San Francisco."



Sigma Nu entered the University of Nebraska on June 16th, making this its 63rd living chapter. We notice in the *Delta* for August that the allowance for the fraternity's official journal is \$4,200 for the eight issues. The editor remarks that he will do his part towards tiding over the era of retrenchment. The editorial in the March PALM on convention politics is copied completely by the *Delta* and is given its strong approval. It states that two years ago Sigma Nu took a stand against politics being played at such gatherings.



Sigma Nu is discussing and contemplating a revival of its mother chapter at the Virginia Military Institute. It is said that a body of young fellows are petitioning for a charter, but that some decision by Sigma Nu's Grand Councilor has delayed action in the matter. One of the founders sends a letter to the *Delta* from which these unique and loyal sentences are extracted:

If in after years, when the fraternity had grown to that extent that in order to secure the benefits of the organization "to worthy men alone," and to maintain the high standard set by Alpha (she being dormant), it became necessary to limit by charter the number of chapters and location of same, and to suspend or terminate those chapters that were not up to the standard; it does not follow that Alpha chapter must go the way of the derelict chapters; they are the creation of the Sigma Nu fraternity; the Sigma Nu fraternity is the creation of Alpha chapter, or was born in the birth of Alpha; she was born without a charter, lived, struggled and became dormant without a charter; is still dormant without a charter, she has never broken her faith or failed of her own volition in any duty which she more than all others, owed to her offspring, the Sigma Nu fraternity. It would be an assumption on the part of the fraternity, ay! a desecration, to declare Alpha chapter dead. *Let her lie dormant until "doomsday" if necessary;* but, if her death *must needs be declared*, wait, wait, wait, until Hopkins, Quarles and Riley are under the sod.

Since the above was written we have learned this Alpha chapter at V. M. I. will be reorganized on December 4th.

The fraternities having more chapters than Alpha Tau Omega are: Kappa Sigma, 77; Beta Theta Pi, 73; Phi Delta Theta, 72; S. A. E., 69; Sigma Nu, 62.



Mr. George B. Lockwood, of Marion, Ind., after ten years of service as editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, writes his valedictory in the August number of that journal; and there can be no doubt that he has made the magazine of Phi Kappa Psi an unusual success. The writer has never had but one criticism of the *Shield* to make; that of its very small type, which may be a matter of taste, though lately one or two other reviewers have also commented upon it. Lloyd L. Cheney, of Syracuse, N. Y., will be the new editor for the next two years.



Speaking of Phi Kappa Psi, its secretaries seem to be perfect models of their kind. The writer has noted their reports during the past six years, and for descriptions of every department and chapter of the fraternity they are unexcelled. Their Executive Council met in July and among other matters reported by the secretary, the following is of general interest:

Brother McCorkle also called the attention of the Executive Council to the serious question of the balance of power which will soon confront the fraternity. Thus far the chapters have controlled the policy of the fraternity, but if the alumni associations [numbering 39] continue to grow and increase in numbers, as they should, their delegates in any council will be in the majority. He noted that many successful fraternities are now under the control of their alumni, and urged that the policy of Phi Kappa Psi upon this subject should soon be determined.

In the matter of extension, the secretary reported that no new petitions had been received, and that no new fields appear to be open in the First, Second, Third or Fourth Districts. There is, however, a wide field in the Fifth District [the middle and far west], and a suitable opportunity for extension here, if presented, should not be lost. "I think whenever it is possible," he said, "we should revive our inactive chapters. The revival of Missouri Alpha was a splendid move in the right direction. I think we will never have cause to regret this step."

At the afternoon session Brother Coy rendered a report covering the period from June 16th, 1908, to June 28th, 1909. At the former date there was on hand in the treasury \$10,889.63 and during the year there was received \$9,443.58, making the total receipts \$20,333.21. The expenses for the year were \$8,794.91, leaving a balance on hand of \$11,385.30.

There are three institutions in the Third District—Sewanee, Tulane, and George Washington—which Archon Alan C. Woods recommended for the special consideration of the Committee on Extension. Of those institutions in the district where there is no chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, he considered Sewanee the most available. He further recommended that no steps be taken at present looking toward the re-establishment of D. C. Alpha, owing to the unsettled financial condition of the institution.



A new Southern fraternity is Pi Kappa Phi. It originated at the College of Charleston, S. C., in 1904. A Beta chapter was established at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1906 and a Gamma chapter at the University of California in 1908. Its badge looks much like that of Delta Kappa Epsilon.—*Beta Theta Pi*.



Sigma Iota Chi met in convention at Lexington, Ky., the past September. This is one of the youngest of sororities, having been organized in 1903 and possessing but seven chapters.



The University of Virginia, it is said, has awarded free building sites to Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma. The university offers, in addition, to lend them two-thirds the amount of the cost of the fraternity houses.



With the close of the college year 1909 the six fraternities at Wofford College, South Carolina, pass out of existence owing to State prohibition of fraternities in schools receiving State aid. The fraternities losing chapters are: Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Alpha Tau Omega.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

Alpha Tau Omega has not had a chapter in existence at Wofford since 1895, so we are spared the painful experiences that the others mentioned have had to pass through.



D. K. E. meets this November in Philadelphia.



Kappa Alpha Theta (sorority) met in Chicago on June 25th-July 2nd.

Delta Chi at its annual convention (Cornell, April 1-3) amended its constitution; prohibiting the initiation of men, members of another fraternity. The idea that a man can be loyal to two fraternities (literally and legal) is rapidly losing ground and we are glad of it. When a man takes the oath of two fraternities it puts him on the level of a "joiner"—so common among lodges and ward politicians.—*Phi Chi (Med.) Quarterly*.



Alpha Chi Rho has been called to meet in Philadelphia, February 21st.



Sigma Pi and its claimed antiquity was written of at length in the last PALM. Along the same line, partly, and partly as a well-applied criticism of some so-called representative fraternities, the Sigma Phi Epsilon *Journal* writes:

The following was sent to us from Philadelphia as a copy of a clipping from a newspaper of that city, dated April 4, 1909:

FRATERNITIES ACT.

"A special conference of the oldest and more representative American Greek-letter college fraternities was held here yesterday afternoon, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, to take action on the recent attack and criticism of the modern fraternity system by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr., University. Robert G. Patterson, of Columbus, Ohio, former president of the Sigma Pi fraternity, presided, and was chosen permanent chairman on future conferences of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

"The fraternities included in the list asked to be represented were Alpha Delta Phi, founded 1832; Chi Psi, founded 1841; Delta Psi, founded 1847; Delta Kappa Epsilon, founded 1844; Kappa Alpha (Northern), founded 1825; Psi Upsilon, founded 1833; Sigma Phi, founded 1827; Sigma Pi, founded 1752; Theta Delta Chi, founded 1848, and Zeta Psi, founded 1847. No definite action was taken regarding President Jordan's criticism, but all the representatives present unanimously expressed a desire to see high school fraternities abolished. John T. Taylor, son of John B. Taylor, Superintendent of Police, acted as chairman of the local committee on arrangements. Following the conference luncheon was served, which was also attended by John Weaver, former Mayor of Philadelphia."

The author of this article states that it was a "special conference of the oldest and more representative" fraternities. As to age, most of the fraternities named are among the oldest, but the date given for Sigma Pi, "1752," we do not believe can be substantiated. As to being

more "representative," three things essential seem to be lacking in most all of these organizations—namely, geographical distribution of chapters, number of chapters, and general betterment of fraternal conditions. We hold this latter point against only such fraternities as would sanction the presence of their members at the above-described meeting. First, distribution of chapters. Every one of the ten fraternities represented at the meeting has over fifty per cent. of its chapters in one section of the country. Six have over sixty per cent. in one section, four have seventy per cent. in one section, and one has over eighty per cent. Second, number of chapters. Only one has over forty, four between twenty and thirty, one between ten and twenty, and four less than ten. Where does Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Delta Tau Delta, all with over fifty chapters, come in on this point? Third, general betterment of fraternal conditions. The meeting is reported to have been held "to take action on the recent attack and criticism of the modern fraternity system by President Jordan, of Leland Stanford, Jr., University." As we understand President Jordan's position, which this meeting is reported to have been called to protest against, we are with him "tooth and nail." Sigma Phi Epsilon is working hard to keep her chapter houses pure, and welcomes his advice and warning so timely given. We think the meeting above described nothing short of ridiculous, and, behind it all, it looks like the hand of Sigma Pi working for advertising at the expense of the "oldest and more representative" fraternities. We are confident that no one who was present at the above-described meeting, except the Sigma Pi "a former President," could go to his fraternity convention and get a vote of thanks for his presence at such a gathering.



At the University of Missouri a committee of six professors recently submitted to the president of the university a report as to the relative scholastic standing of the Greek-letter men and women and of the non-fraternity men and women who are students at Missouri. The investigations of this committee showed that the average of the Greek-letter men, as a whole, was below that of the non-fraternity men. The failures among the fraternity men totaled 26 per cent. and among the non-fraternity men 22 per cent. It is interesting to note that the Greek-letter girls are 22 points ahead of the non-fraternity women. * * * Probably all fraternities hold it a fundamental article of faith that their initiates must possess "good scholarship." Within the last few years the desire of fraternities that their initiates maintain good scholarship has manifested itself in many specific ways. Kappa Kappa Gamma allows her chapters to initiate only regular freshmen. Pi Beta Phi will initiate no special students unless they already have twelve credits in college work or are carrying at least twelve hours of collegiate work. In each

of her thirty-nine chapters Pi Beta Phi has a scholarship committee who are responsible to the Grand Council for the maintenance of chapter scholarship. Looking toward the same end Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma are accumulating funds to found scholarships for their members. Since 1906 Pi Beta Phi has maintained two undergraduate scholarships and one graduate fellowship for her members. * * * * Alpha Tau Omega is planning to offer to a senior or a graduate of one year's standing whose record has been exceptional, a \$500 scholarship. It gives certificates of merit to its seniors whose work in studies, debate, or oratory, has been meritorious. The Colorado alumni of the same fraternity have established a fund, the income of which is devoted to the purchase of sets of books which are awarded to such members of the Colorado chapter as are elected to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi. Chi Omega gives a loving cup each year to the chapter that has distinguished itself in scholarship and efficiency in fraternity work.

Indeed, in a large sense the fraternities are becoming "mutual aid" societies. Not only do they help their own members, but also their colleges, and others. The Illinois Wesleyan chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has pledged \$1,000 to the university as a permanent scholarship fund. The Denver chapter of Pi Beta Phi pledged \$1,200 to the university's increased endowment. The Syracuse chapter of Alpha Phi supports a similar scholarship at Syracuse University. The Syracuse Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi aids an alumna who is a missionary in China. The Galesburg and Burlington alumnae clubs of Pi Beta Phi maintain each a bed in the local hospitals.—*Pi Beta Phi Arrow*.



The Pensacola Pan-Hellenic Association held its second annual dinner last August and will now become celebrated as the creator of the Pan-Hellenic Association of America, which was formally launched, the Pensacola Association being called "Chapter No. 1." Such Pan-Hellenics may become popular and useful in small cities where the Greeks interested would total, say, thirty or forty men, but we doubt very much their success in the longer centers of population. In these latter places each fraternity, as a rule, can muster enough alumni to form an association among themselves, and the desire for a more general acquaintance-ship and companionship is usually supplied by the university clubs.



The Dayton, Ohio, Pan-Hellenic Association held its sixth annual banquet in April of this year.

Speaking of intra-Greek matters, the S. A. E. convention in June passed a resolution to the effect that a Pan-Hellenic union of all Greek fraternities is expedient and advisable, and their executive was authorized to represent them in any such movement. It seems that a tentative Pan-Hellenic gathering was scheduled for New York in November, and another is proposed for Nashville in March of next year. The *Record* says:

In such an organization the questions affecting fraternities could be discussed frankly and fearlessly, and from these discussions would spring a spirit that would condemn the evils that are sometimes allowed to exist, because it is not easy for one or two fraternities to suppress what rivals seem inclined to condone.



While on the subject of Pan-Hellenism, it may be said, however, that co-operation among the fraternities along some lines is becoming more and more an evident need. The sororities felt this some seven years ago, and annually ever since they have participated in a Pan-Hellenic convention at which actions have been taken binding the represented bodies to a certain extent, and recommendations passed to cover needs and conditions as they arose to concern our sister Greeks. These conventions include representatives from almost all the larger sororities. Along this line the editor of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* says:

More than a quarter of a century ago, in 1883 to be exact, a meeting of fraternity editors was held in Philadelphia, to discuss matters of common interest to all of the fraternities. The meeting was fairly representative, twenty-one official representatives of thirteen fraternities being present, besides twenty-one other fraternity men. An Inter-Fraternity Press Association was formed, and it was decided that there should be a Pan-Hellenic Conference in 1884, provided that ten fraternities should signify their intention of participating. This meeting of editors was the first meeting ever held by general fraternity officials. But the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference was never held, for the reason that it was not generally approved by the various fraternities. At that time there was entirely too much jealousy between the fraternities, so much as to make united action on any subject impossible. During the World's Fair, at Chicago in 1893, there was a Pan-Hellenic Congress in that city, which was attended by about three hundred Greeks, men and women. The exercises consisted of papers on fraternity topics, read at a general meeting, followed by a social gathering. During the Cotton States Exposition, at Atlanta two years later, the American Pan-Hellenic

Society was formed, though its objects were not definitely expressed. Officers and an executive committee were chosen, with power to select the next place of meeting. But nothing permanent resulted from the meetings in 1883, 1893 or 1895.

These were, we believe, all of the general Pan-Hellenic meetings that have been held until this year. Fraternities have been too antagonistic for them to get together on any common ground. But this year there have been two meetings which indicate the possibility that fraternities have nearly reached the point where they will be willing to unite on plans and policies which will meet the approval of all. One was the sixth annual convention of the National Religious Education Association, which met in Chicago in February. It was composed of prominent educators and representatives of seventeen fraternities. By an unanimous vote, the conference decided a Pan-Hellenic union of Greek-letter fraternities to be expedient and advisable. The other meeting referred to was the dinner of fraternity editors in New York in March, which was attended by sixteen men, representing fourteen fraternities. To the great regret of the editors of *The Scroll*, neither of them could be present, but Phi Delta Theta was officially represented by the treasurer of its general council. We earnestly hope that these meetings will lead to some sort of co-operation between fraternities in regard to the problems with which all of them are confronted.

We would not have Phi Delta Theta or any other fraternity surrender its individuality or autonomy, but we believe that fraternities should, by some concert of action, determine certain policies upon which they would be willing to stand. Inter-fraternity conventions might discuss such subjects as a general agreement upon a time when rushing should begin, so as to allow a period during which fraternity men would have the opportunity of becoming well acquainted with new men before bidding them. Such an inter-fraternity code would certainly greatly raise the standard of fraternity membership, for a much more select and desirable class of men would be chosen from each incoming class than is now initiated after a brief and strenuous rushing season. An old adage says, "Marry in haste and repent at leisure," which may be changed to read "Rush in haste and repent at leisure." Fraternities have made many mistakes in rushing and initiating in a hurry freshmen of whom they knew scarcely anything. In fact, the dangers of the present indiscriminate and heedless system of rushing are really appalling.



Though not Hellenic, the following items of college happenings should be of interest:

Dr. David F. Houston goes from the presidency of the University of Texas to the similar position at Washington University (St. Louis).

The University of Missouri has received a bequest of \$500,000 with which to aid needy students.

Wisconsin is to be magnificently liberal to her State university during the next two years. \$2,500,000 is the estimated sum that will be available for that period. This is ahead of anything we have heard of for a long time.

Prof. Charles A. Smith, of the University of North Carolina, will be Roosevelt-professor of American History and Institutions in the University of Berlin for the year 1910-11.

The University of California has received a bequest of \$1,400,000 from Theodore Kearney. The 50th anniversary of this institution's founding, which will be in May of next year, will be marked by the erection of a \$100,000 alumni hall.

At Wells College 80 of the 170 girls in the institution voted on suffrage. The result was fifty-nine against, eight for with qualifications, and thirteen for without qualifications.—*Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*.

The Chinese government purposes to send one hundred students to America for a period of four years, and thereafter a minimum of fifty per year during the period of the indemnity payments which were to have been paid by the government of China to the United States from 1909 to 1940.—*Lyre of Chi Omega*.

Not only was George Washington University lately deprived of all the pension benefits heretofore bestowed and allowed by the Carnegie Foundation Board, but President Pritchett, of the board, has also made a caustic report stating that Harvard, Yale, Amherst, Princeton, Wellesley, and the University of Illinois are not adhering to the necessary requirements regarding the admission of students, and so are violating the conditions of the foundation. Harvard, Columbia, and New York University have been formally warned to make certain improvements along this line if they wished to partake of the benefits of the foundation.

It is estimated that ex-Postmaster General Vilas' gift to the University of Wisconsin, a part of which is already available, will in time reach the enormous sum of \$30,000,000.

The Peabody Board of Trustees has awarded \$1,000,000 to the George Peabody College for Teachers, which is the successor of the old University of Nashville. The State of Tennessee has given it \$250,000; the City of Nashville, \$200,000; Davidson County, \$100,000; and \$250,000 has been promised by a prominent financier, said to be J. Pierpont Morgan. The award from the Peabody trustees was made on condition that the college be moved from its present site, in the southern part of the city, to a site adjoining or near Vanderbilt University, in the western part of the city. The old campus of 16 acres will sell probably for \$300,000. It is announced that options have been secured on 25 acres for a new campus near the 75-acre campus of Vanderbilt. The two institutions will not be merged; each will have its own faculty and student body; but there will be co-operation and an interchange of libraries, laboratories, lectures, classroom facilities, etc.—*The Scroll*.

The attendance at the University of Missouri has reached the 2,500 mark, and the increase in attendance at the University of Arkansas in three years is over sixty per cent. The Southwestern Presbyterian University, also, shows a much larger number than last year. Davidson College has passed the 500 mark.—*Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*.



Editorial.

THE FRESHMAN AND HIS CHAPTER.

Not infrequently the plaintive voice of a disheartened freshman penetrates the very inner sanctum sanctorium of the PALM. Nowadays, freshmen, apparently, have become intoxicated with the rather dangerous idea that they, in common with other rational beings, have rights which must be respected. They have even had the temerity to suggest they, too, have an inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness, to say nothing of the right to life and liberty. Moreover, some of them, versed in forgotten love, insist that the self-evident truth of equality of birth applies to them, as well as to sophomores and others. At least, such is the burden of the lay to which the PALM has lent a willing ear.

Probably, if we examine the condition of the freshman we may discover that as a fraternity man, at least, he does possess some rights which his unthinking brethren may seriously infringe. We are not now particularly concerned with his place and position in the collegiate municipality. If that institution, which is a law unto itself, believes that its interests are best conserved by subjugating, hazing and otherwise amusing its latest matriculates, the freshman must submit. If it be thought wise to cool the ardor of the youthful pilgrim by a gentle ducking in the waters of some spring other than that of the Pierides, or, if it is believed proper that the pipe and the stiff hat be prohibited unto him, the PALM can not complain.

But, may it not be suggested that class spirit, class superiority and class subjugation may be carried too far? Properly restricted and restrained, confined to a proper place, carried on in a proper

manner and in a proper balance and proportion, there is nothing inherently wrong in the proceeding. But like so many other human foibles it grows upon what it feeds and resulting excesses follow. It is aggravated, perverted, exaggerated and finds expression in relations to which it is entirely foreign. Confined to the campus and there exercised with some pretension of honor and gentlemanliness it is probably without serious objection. Carried beyond the campus and into the chapter and fraternity house it is misplaced, perverted and wrong.

The chapter—at least, a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega—is a body of equals. Within it there are no distinctions of birth, age, wealth, property, class or condition of servitude. The distinctions of the alien world fade away in the presence of the spirit of fraternity and all members are equals in its eye. Not an artificial, a created or a purchased equality, but the equality of brothers, the equality naturally and inherently the birthright of men.

It follows that the grotesque manners of the campus have no proper place in the chapter. On the campus the freshman may be made a slave, but he can not be made the chapter's serf. He is there, at least, an equal among his equals. Hence, the injunctions of sophomoric law or the admonitions of college tradition do not touch him. Hence, too, he can not rightfully be made the wood-hewer and the water-drawer for his elders. Any rules that tend to make him so are not only wrong and unjust, but also perverse of the fundamental principles of Alpha Tau Omega.

To our certain knowledge several chapters have unwritten laws prohibiting freshmen from speaking in meetings of the chapters unless requested to speak. This, no doubt, is upon the well-known principle that even a frivolous senior has more hard, common and business sense than a serious minded and, perhaps, a more experienced freshman. Another bunch of Solons have enacted that freshmen must not call at the homes of the lady friends of the chapter unless accompanied by an upperclassman. Of course, this can and is undoubtedly defended on the theory that the young ladies could not tolerate freshman company unless ameliorated by the presence of a sophomoric chaperon. Still

another has solemnly decreed that freshmen must not leave the common table, after dinner, before the last upperclassman has satisfied his hunger and departed. And so run the rules, the traditions, the customs that serve to keep Brother Freshman under thumbs, and all of them probably hurt the freshman as little as they give satisfaction to the upperclassman.

We do not wish to be misunderstood as condemning wholesome, honorable and proper systems of correction. We have nothing but the highest praise and commendation for a system such as our own very excellent chapter at Cornell has inaugurated and successfully carried forward. There, each freshman is placed under the mentorship of a senior, who is his adviser, his father-confessor, so to speak. The system is used not to subjugate the freshman, but, through precept and example, develop him into an honorable, useful and decent member of the college and the chapter. It is a wise and prudent measure and should speedily take the place of the inane, frivolous, childish rules that are perversive of common sense, fraternal love and democracy.

Of course, the reply to all this is, that it does not hurt the freshman very little and gives the upperclassman much satisfaction. Granted, but the same theory may be used to justify pretty nearly anything. Everyone must and does concede that class spirit and class distinctions have no abiding place within the chapter. It must follow, then, that all manifestations of such spirit and distinctions are wrong and should be abolished, not only for the sake of the freshman, but, moreover, for the welfare of the chapter, the fraternity and all its members.



PROVINCE CONCLAVES.

During the next several months many, if not all, of our several provinces will hold meetings of the representatives of their several chapters and alumni associations. From reports now at hand we are enabled to say that the prospects indicate largely attended conclaves. The making of the necessary arrangements have been committed to men who are able to provide suitable entertainment and generally promote the interests of the provinces and the fraternity.

The PALM will watch the proceedings of these bodies with great interest. That the social features will be pleasant and enjoyable is not questioned. But it remains to be seen to what extent they will aid in adding intelligence and wisdom to the many vital problems confronting the fraternity.

The PALM is hand-in-glove with the Province Chiefs, all of whom believe that these meetings should be more than the occasion of mere hand-shaking and fraternal good-fellowship. They believe—and the PALM with them—that the event should be embraced as an opportunity for that self-examination that discloses evils to be remedied and abuses to be altered. Papers on live topics should be prepared, read and discussed and the sense of the meeting expressed by proper resolutions. Members should be impressed with the great need for intelligent chapter and fraternity work, and with the great importance for the early reform of some existing evils.

In many respects the Province Conclave is a better body for the transaction of the business barely outlined above than is even the Congress itself. The latter is necessarily concerned with the larger and broader policies and the usual and regular routine business, and discussions of the numerous details and finer work of the fraternity are both impossible and impracticable. But the Province Conclave is not concerned with elections, with finances, with reports of officials and committees, and it can, if it will, give an entire day to a consideration of the serious work of making a great fraternity greater and of making useful chapters far more useful.



BROWN'S BRAWNY BRAVES.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 16.—Vernon Edgar Babington, 1911, was taken from his room at Brown University, paddled and then ducked under the old college pump. The whole student body looked on in approval.

The alleged cause of Babington's humiliation was the writing of a letter to the Providence *Sunday Journal*, in which he declared that "the fraternity evil is the real reason for Brown's bad showing on the gridiron this fall." He bemoaned the fact that the coaches favored men from sanctioned fraternities and gave the cold shoulder to others who belonged to less powerful organizations or, "worse still, to none at all."—*Newspaper Clipping*.

The above is a condensed version of an affair that has received columns of newspaper space just as we go to press. It reveals rather an interesting situation at Brown.

Apparently, a Brown gentleman with gridiron proclivities was denied the honor of doing and daring for dear old *alma mater*. Frustrated in his laudable ambition of sustaining a compound fracture of his cerebellum case for the honor of Brown he attributed his defeat to the baneful influence of the college's fraternities. Interviewed on this momentous topic, he opined, *inter alia*, that only fraternity men or those within the charmed circle of their sheltering care could achieve the priceless distinction of adding of his gore to the gore of the gory battlefield.

Come now the fraternities in defense of their honor. Bang! Bang! Bang! Three loud shots ring out upon the silence of the midnight air! In response, the clans gather in martial array. There are four and twenty, more or less, all loyal to Brown and all pledged to brotherly love and affection. Ere soon the quarry is cornered. The luckless victim of Greek revenge is sought, seized, subdued and soused under the college pump. His ardor, likewise his fevered brow, is chilled. Behold! the fraternities are vindicated.

Of course, to complete the scene, it is necessary that the whole world should await with breathless suspense the outcome of the midnight souse. The morning papers kindly relieve the tense situation, and we are informed by what mysterious ways Brown performed the wonderful task of suppressing a loquacious athlete and, *ipso facto*, maintained the honor of its Greek men.

The PALM is naturally an interested spectator of the proceedings. It sees in them a rather close resemblance to the Boston tea party and other similar enterprises. It seems particularly good that Brown should at this time set an example that may well be followed by other institutions. It can hardly be gainsaid that fraternities achieve great honor and abiding respect by occasional indulgence in the safe and sane pastime of limbering up the college pump. (It would be brutal to suggest that had the sapient pump been consulted it might have refused to be made a party to the vindication of the Greeks.) Confronted by the formidable ordeal of a dreaded bath in the frigid waters of

the college pump, even an athlete, with rib-smashing propensities, is apt to alter his opinion concerning fraternities. It is rather notorious that a threat of death by burning at the stake induced the martyrs to recant their judgments.

The PALM would not deprive Brown of one jot or tittle of its hard-fought battle. The ancient Baptist institution has very properly propagated its conventional religious ceremony while solving the vexed fraternity problem. There can be no earthly use in further discussing the problem. Conferences of learned college authorities need not take themselves too seriously. Their work is ended. Brown has solved the great problem. To the college pump with the barbarian!

While according to Brown the meed of praise let us not forget the pump. It ought to be honored in some tangible manner. It will not be sufficient to have Walter Palmer or William R. Baird, Greekdom's foremost historians, pass the matter by a mere mention in this wise: "Brown was the first college to use the college pump as a means of torturing recalcitrant barbarians." That would be damning with faint praise. We suggest that the college pump be made a prominent figure on fraternity heraldry designs. Specifications as follows will do until our Brother, P. V. Stoudt, or some other genius propounds another: On I quarter of shield *or*, college pump, *rampant regardant*. Or, to put the incident to more practical use and still preserve it for the applause of admiring posterity, it might be wise to call Pan-Hellenic leagues, "The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Midnight Souse at the College Pump." The pump would hardly object to the soft impeachment.



THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF.

The removal of Brother Huger W. Jervey from Tennessee necessitated his resignation as the Province Chief of that jurisdiction. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Brother R. W. Billington, of Tennessee Beta Pi.

Brother Jervey was one of the best province chiefs ever in the service of the fraternity. It criminales no one to say that prior to his appointment the conditions in Tennessee were not as

favorable as they might have been. His intelligent and energetic services there resulted in a vast improvement of the chapters and gave to the fraternity one of its better provinces. His report to the Pittsburgh Congress was a model, and his usefulness as a member of that body was amply attested by his unanimous election as the Poet for the Atlanta Congress.

Brother Billington is able, we believe, to follow up and clinch the good work wisely and judiciously inaugurated by his predecessor. The PALM has watched his course from his student days onward and has known him as one of the fraternity's leaders in the Southland. He is splendidly equipped for the tasks before him, and, with the hearty co-operation of the chapters and alumni associations, he will accomplish great good for Alpha Tau Omega.



THAT ATLANTA PICTURE.

In the September number we published a picture of the Atlanta Congress of 1886, but an editorial explanation of it was crowded out of these pages.

The photograph was loaned to us by Brother Ralph R. Metzger, who attended that Congress as the delegate of the Muhlenberg chapter, and who was the youngest delegate present. No doubt some attempt will or should be made to secure the attendance of the delegates and visitors of the 1886 Atlanta Congress to the 1910 Atlanta Congress. There should be an "'86-ers reunion" at Atlanta in 1910. Brother Metzger is able to identify only a small proportion of those represented upon the picture, and it was believed that an early publication of the picture would facilitate the labors of those who will have in charge the arrangements of the forthcoming Congress.

In addition to the above reason, it may be suggested that it was a contribution to the history of the fraternity. The PALM contained no half tones in 1886 and this photograph was never before published. In fact, no photograph of any Congress, prior to that of 1888, was published in the PALM, and we would be mightily pleased to have such photographs sent to us for reproduction in these pages. We can guarantee their proper care and

usage and prompt return, and readers who will loan them to us will receive our thanks and increase the pleasure of their fellow PALM readers.



DOCTOR GLAZEBROOK.

We are glad to announce to our readers, many of whom have recently inquired, that Founder Glazebrook has again recovered his usual health and is again engaged in the active prosecution of his many duties and activities.

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- Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn,
Ala. Friday. A. G. Hubbard, PALM Correspondent. D. M. Clements, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday.
Robert H. Smith, PALM Correspondent. J. A. Elliott, Jr., W. M.
- Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ———
R. P. McDavid, PALM Correspondent. Ralph Barrow, W. M.
- Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, P. O. Box 234, Gainesville, Fla. Saturday. J. C. Taylor, PALM Correspondent. Ralph D. Rader, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Beta (1878), University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. ———
G. C. Arnold, PALM Correspondent. ————W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. Saturday Hugh Mallet, PALM Correspondent. S. E. Jenkins, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Zeta (1881), Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Friday. E. L. Bridges, PALM Correspondent. George E. Mills, W. M.
- Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 76 East Linden Street, Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. R. F. Golden, PALM Correspondent. V. S. Dawson, W. M.
- La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, New Orleans, La. ———
Woodruff George, PALM Correspondent. Woodruff George, W. M.
- Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2206 San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday (first and third). Curtice M. Rosset, PALM Correspondent. W. S. Sims, W. M.

PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

- Clarence E. Wilcox, *Province Chief*, 622 Moffat Building, Detroit, Mich.
- Ill. Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 John Street, Champaign, Ill. ——— J. R. Boston, PALM Correspondent. J. S. Cleavinger, W. M.
- Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. Monday. Louis T. Curry, PALM Correspondent. Harry A. Newly, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 530 North Seventh Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Monday. O. A. Ohmann, PALM Correspondent. W. H. Webster, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 1018 State Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. Marion Penn, PALM Correspondent. S. D. Waldorf, W. M.
- Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. ——— H. B. Haynes, PALM Correspondent. V. R. Artman, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 231 N. Manning Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. R. D. Ford, PALM Correspondent. ————W. M.
- Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 624 Packard Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. I. S. Coe, PALM Correspondent. W. E. Fermann, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, Superior Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. Clarence Bemmer, PALM Correspondent. Floyd Moore, W. M.
- Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 635 State Street, Madison, Wis. Monday. Chester Wells, PALM Correspondent. Julius O. Roehl, W. M.

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- Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633
Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas. Monday. Earl Fischer,
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- Minn. Gamma Nu (1902), University of Minnesota, A. T. O. House, 1111
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- Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 507
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V. Vachon, PALM Correspondent. Lewis Williams, W. M.

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Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. F. W. Nason, PALM Corre-
spondent. Horace J. Cook, W. M.
- Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. ————
R. M. Hussey, PALM Correspondent. Isaac Higginbotham, W. M.
- Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A.
T. O. House, 26 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. J. C.
Rogers, PALM Correspondent. —————W. M.
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spondent. R. H. Smith, W. M.
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House, 206 West Street, Worcester, Mass. Wednesday. Wallis
C. Watson, PALM Correspondent. Charles W. Morden, W. M.
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- N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Saturday. Dwight E. Timmerman, PALM Correspondent. Paul W. Allen, W. M.
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- Va. Beta (1865), Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. ——— E. S. Humphreys, PALM Correspondent. D. S. Bryan, W. M.
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- Ohio Beta Omega (1892), Ohio State University, A. T. O. House, 32 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday. William R. Triem, PALM Correspondent. C. B. McNeis, W. M.
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